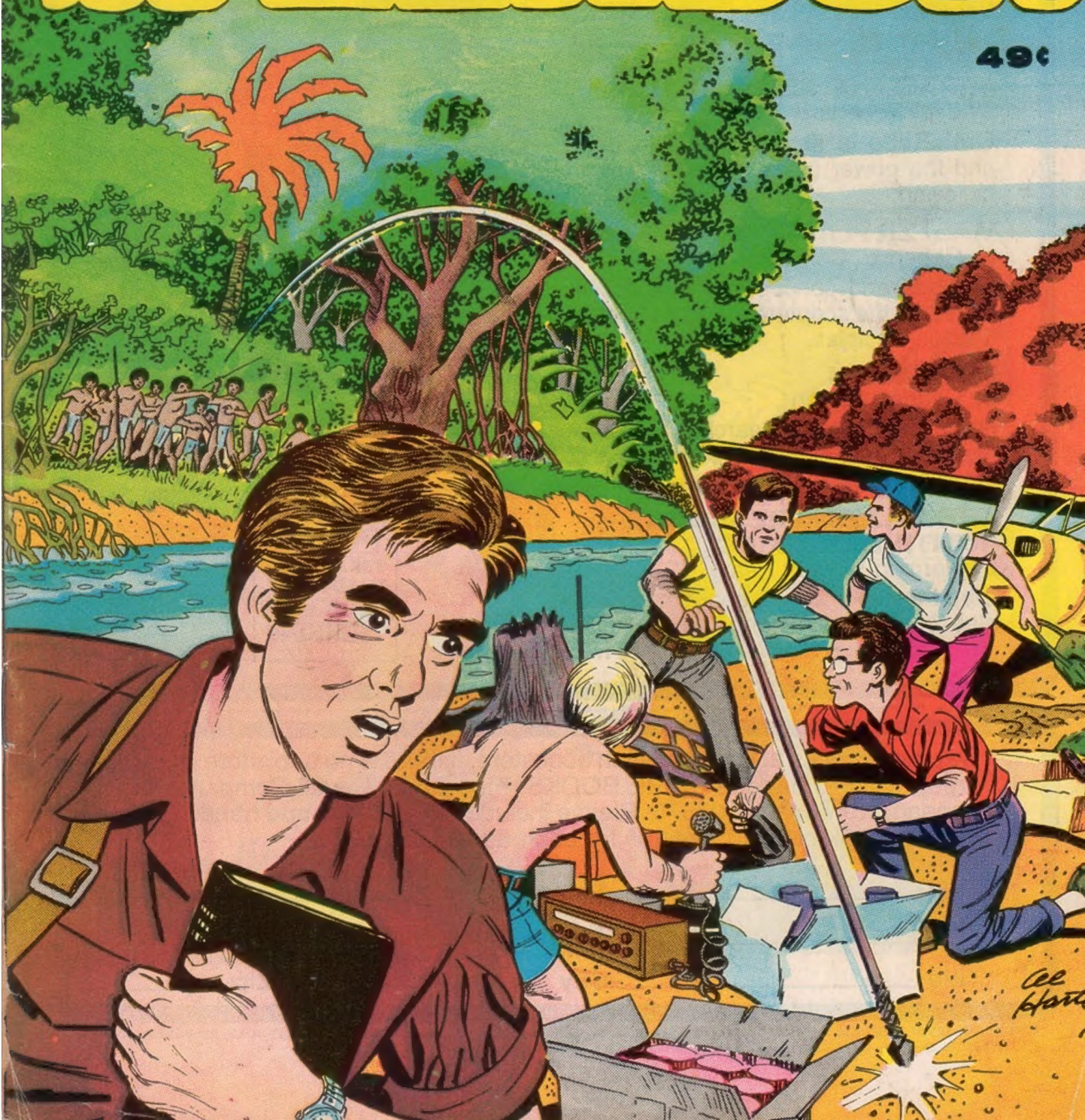




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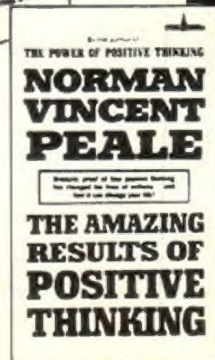
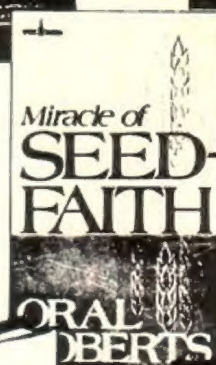
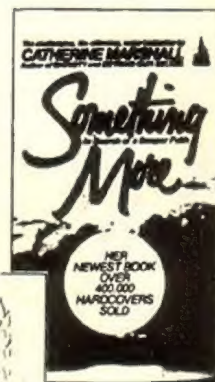
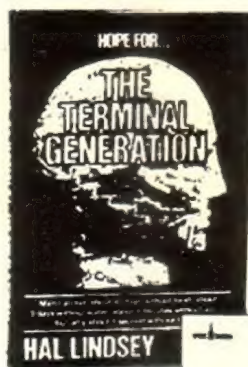
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GRINGOS
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TIRED OF
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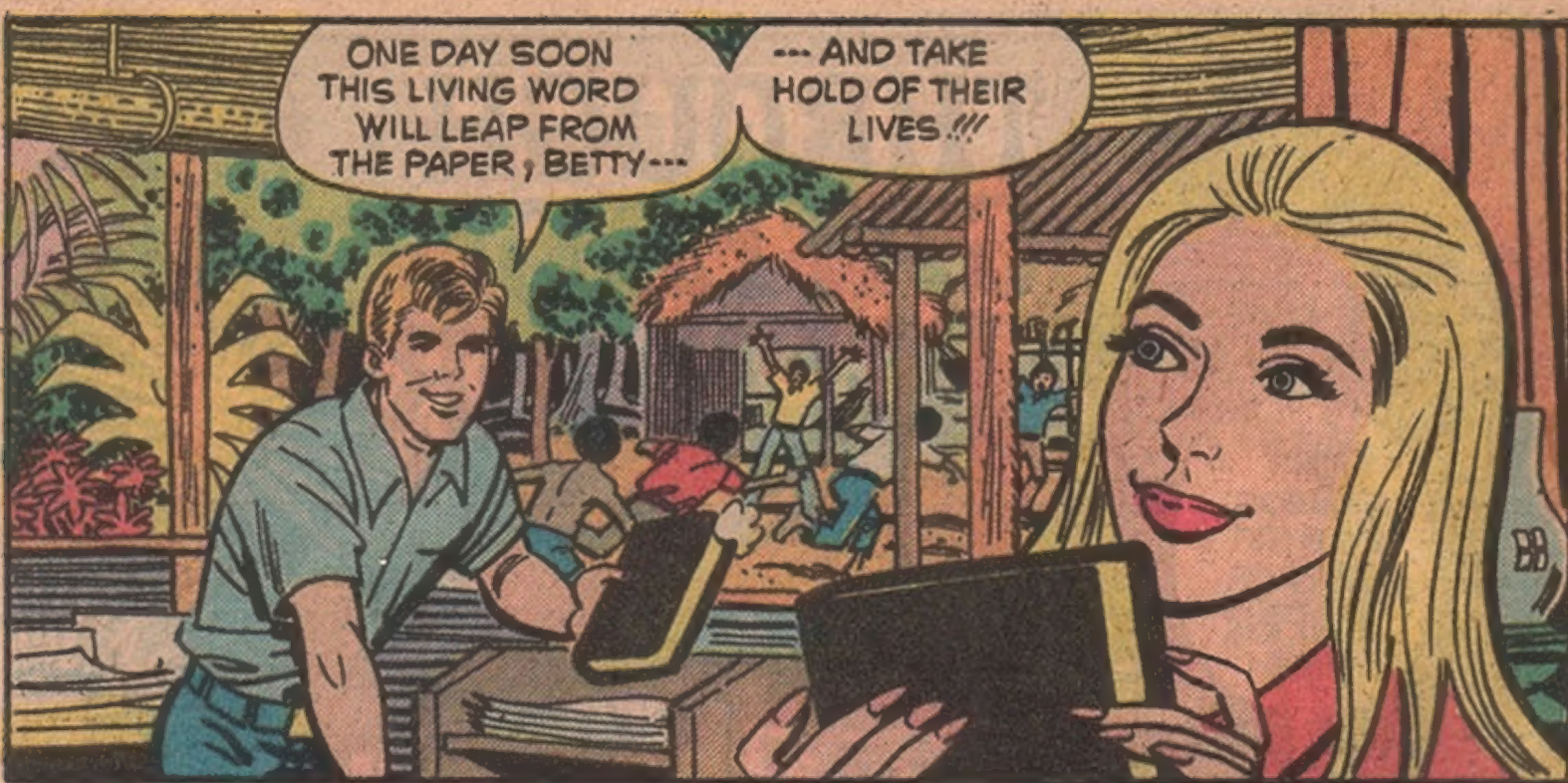
ALL THEY DO
IS **LOOK AT**
PAPER!!!

AND
WRITE ON
PAPER!!!



MY FATHER GETS MAD AT ME FOR
SMELLING LIKE PAPER WHEN
I COME HOME FROM SCHOOL!!!

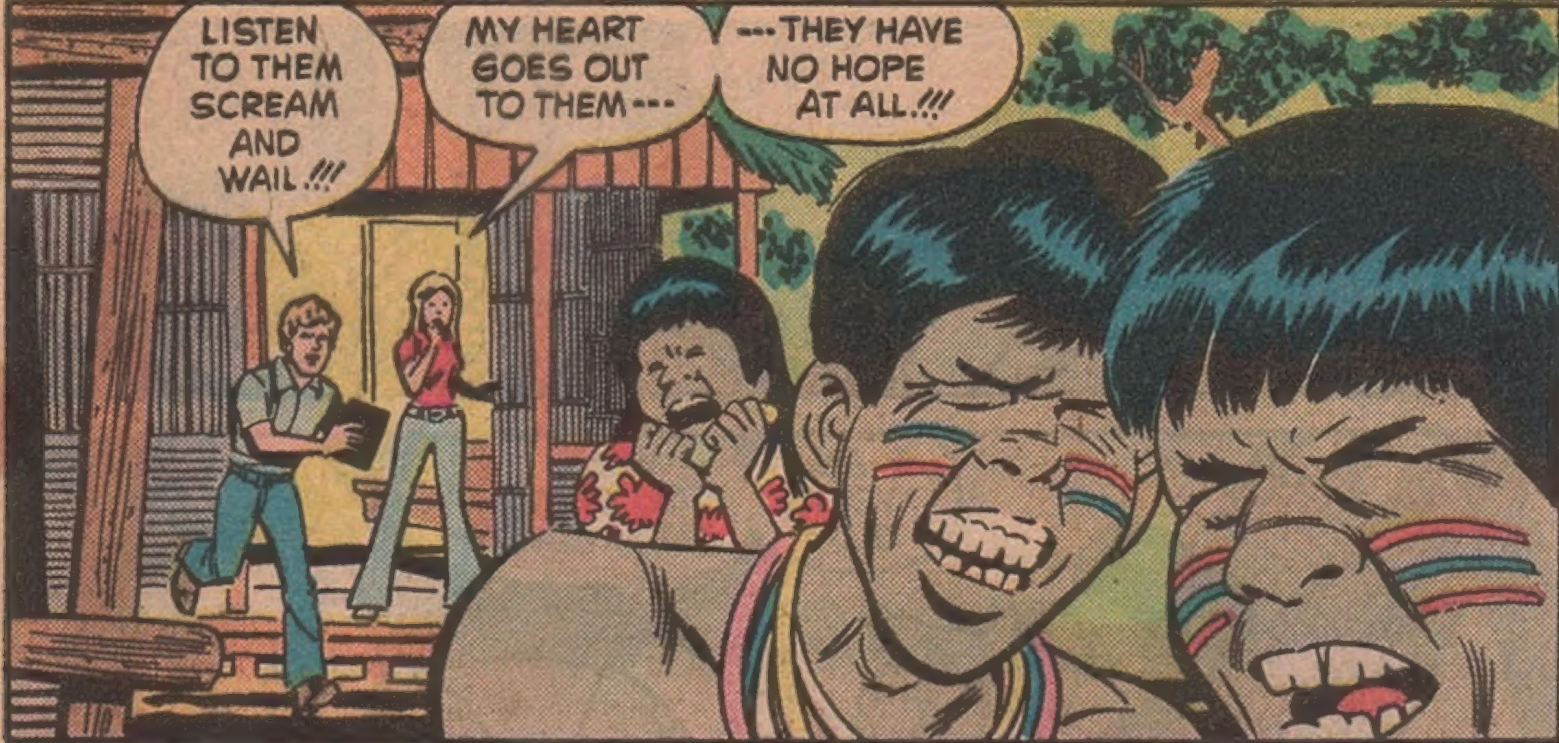




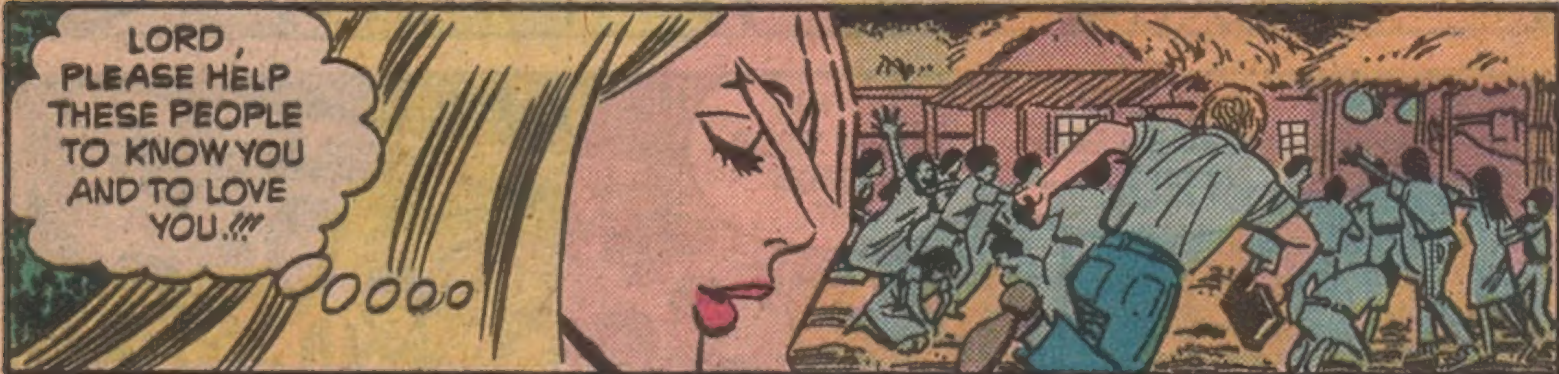
LISTEN
TO THEM
SCREAM
AND
WAIL !!!

MY HEART
GOES OUT
TO THEM ---

---THEY HAVE
NO HOPE
AT ALL!!!



LORD,
PLEASE HELP
THESE PEOPLE
TO KNOW YOU
AND TO LOVE
YOU.!!!



BEHOLD---

SEÑOR JAIME AND
HIS PAPER.!!!



THIS BOOK TEACHES
THAT LIFE IS AS
UNCERTAIN AS THE
MORNING FOG---

---NOW
YOU
SEE
IT---

--- SOON
IT'S
GONE
!!!





JESUS
CHANGED
MANY LIVES
IN THAT
JUNGLE IN
ECUADOR
!!!

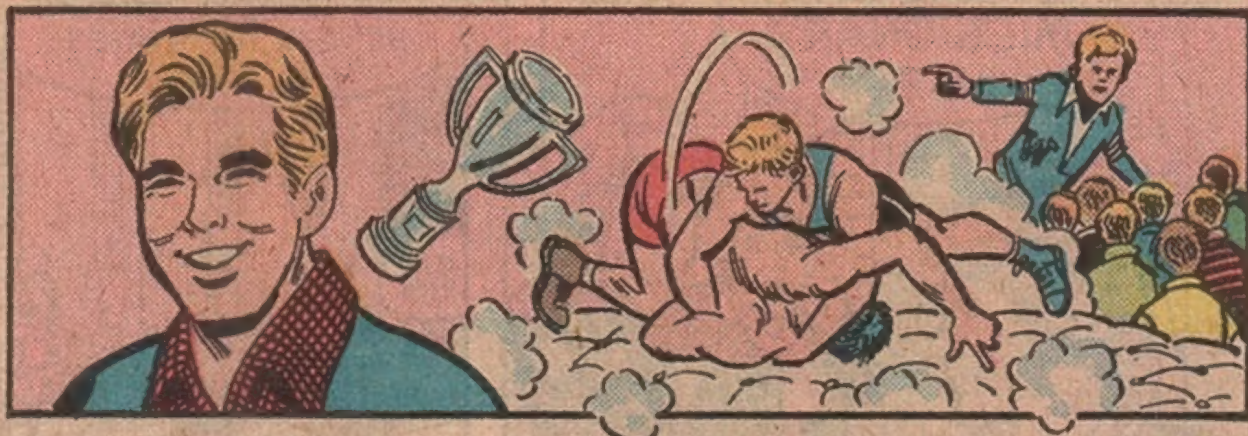


AND
PERHAPS
THE
BIGGEST
CHANGE
HAD COME IN
OUR
LIVES !!!

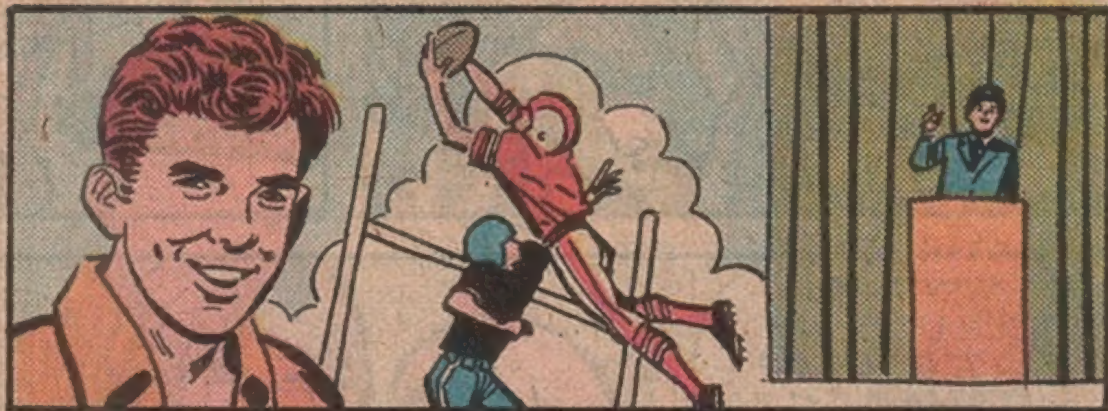


FIVE YOUNG AMERICANS WHO DARED TO FOLLOW GOD !!!

JIM ELLIOT
HAD BEEN
A WRESTLING
CHAMP IN
COLLEGE !!!
AND THEN
A YOUTH
LEADER !!!



ED MCCULLY
WAS THE STAR
END ON A
CHAMPIONSHIP
FOOTBALL TEAM
AND WON A
NATIONAL ORATORICAL
CONTEST OVER
10,000 CONTESTANTS
!!!



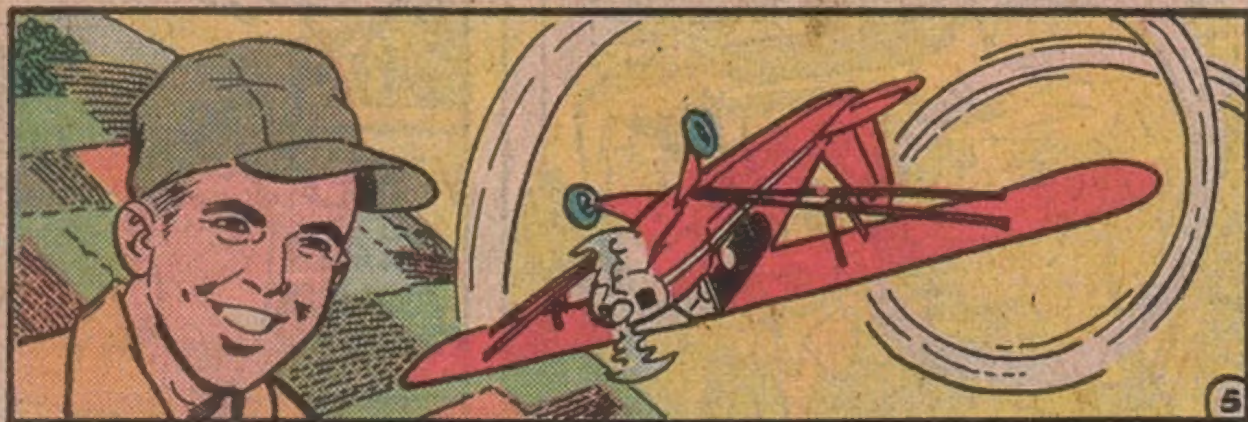
PETE
FLEMING
EARNED
LETTERS IN
BASKETBALL
AND
GOLF !!!



ROJ YOUNDERIAN
OVERCAME CHILDHOOD
POLIO TO PARTICIPATE
IN SPORTS !!!
HE WAS DECORATED
FOR BRAVERY IN
THE BATTLE OF
THE BULGE !!!



NATE
SAINT
PREPARED
FOR A
CAREER
IN
AVIATION
!!!



BUT GOD HAD SPECIAL PLANS FOR THESE MEN !!!

Y-YOU'RE
GOING TO BE A
MISSIONARY
???

WITH YOUR TALENT
YOU'VE GOT IT **MADE**
HERE IN THE STATES
!!!

WHY THROW
YOUR LIFE AWAY
FOR A BUNCH OF
SAVAGES
???

THERE ARE
PLENTY OF
HANG-UPS
RIGHT **HERE**
!!!

YOU CAN
STAY HOME
AND PREACH
!!!

PEOPLE **HERE**
HAVE EVERY
OPPORTUNITY TO
HEAR AND STUDY
GOD'S WORD---

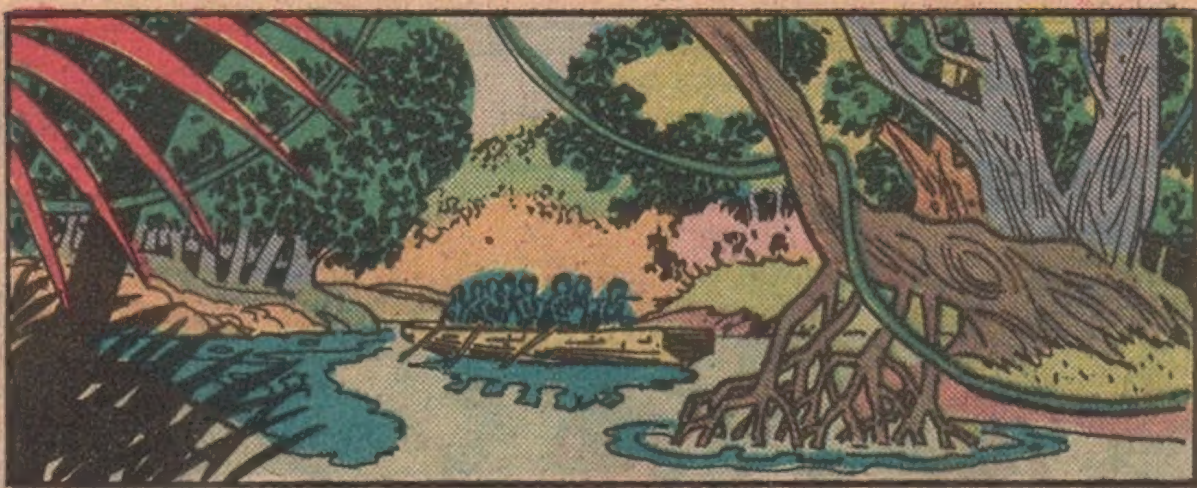
THOSE
JUNGLE
INDIANS
HAVE **NONE**
!!!

I **CAN'T**
STAY HOME ---

GOD IS
DIRECTING ME
OVERSEAS. !!!

WHEA
FOR CHR
AND HIS
KINGDOM

AND SO,
THE FIVE YOUNG
AMERICANS
AND THEIR
WIVES ENTERED
THE JUNGLES
OF ECUADOR
TO SHARE THE
LIVES OF THE
INDIANS.!!!



THE FOOTBALL STAR
TAUGHT INDIAN CHILDREN
TO PLAY VOLLEYBALL.!!!



THE ORATORY CHAMP
STRUGGLED WITH AN
UNWRITTEN LANGUAGE.!!!

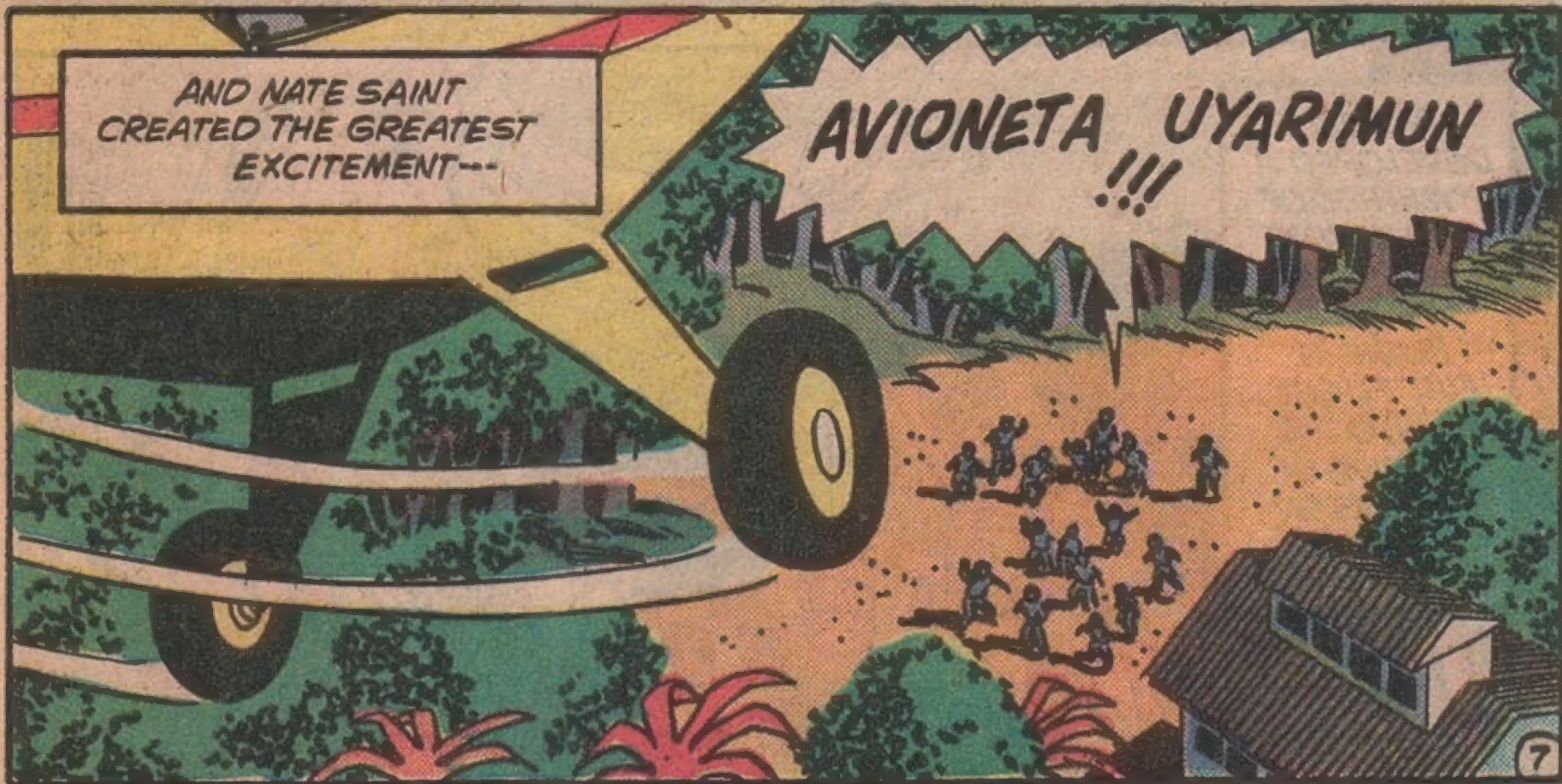


ED'S WIFE, WHO HAD
BEEN DIRECTOR OF MUSIC
IN A LARGE CHURCH,
PATIENTLY TAUGHT
SIMPLE SONGS TO HER
NEW CHOIR.!!!



AND NATE SAINT
CREATED THE GREATEST
EXCITEMENT---

AVIONETA UYARIMUN
!!!



THE BRIGHT YELLOW PIPER WAS ALWAYS A WELCOME SIGHT !!!



LET'S SEE---

A SACK OF FLOUR---

PENICILLIN---

MAIL---

15 GALLONS OF DIESEL OIL---



NATE'S PIPER REALLY OPENED UP THE JUNGLE---EVEN WHERE WE DIDN'T HAVE AN AIRSTRIP.!



AND HE DEVELOPED A METHOD OF LOWERING AN OBJECT FROM A PLANE IN FULL FLIGHT INTO THE HANDS OF A PERSON ON THE GROUND.!!!



AND NATE'S PLANE MADE
"OPERATION AUCA" POSSIBLE!!!

THE AUCAS
LIVE SOMEWHERE
IN THIS TERRITORY
TO THE EAST!!!

AUCAS
???

WE'RE
GOING TO
FLY OVER THE
AREA UNTIL
WE LOCATE
THEM!!!

BUT THEY
HATE
GRINGOS
!!!

THEY'RE
KILLERS
!!!

OTHER MEN
HAVE TAUGHT
THEM TO HATE
AND KILL---

WITH GOD'S
HELP WE'LL
TEACH THEM
TO **LOVE**
!!!

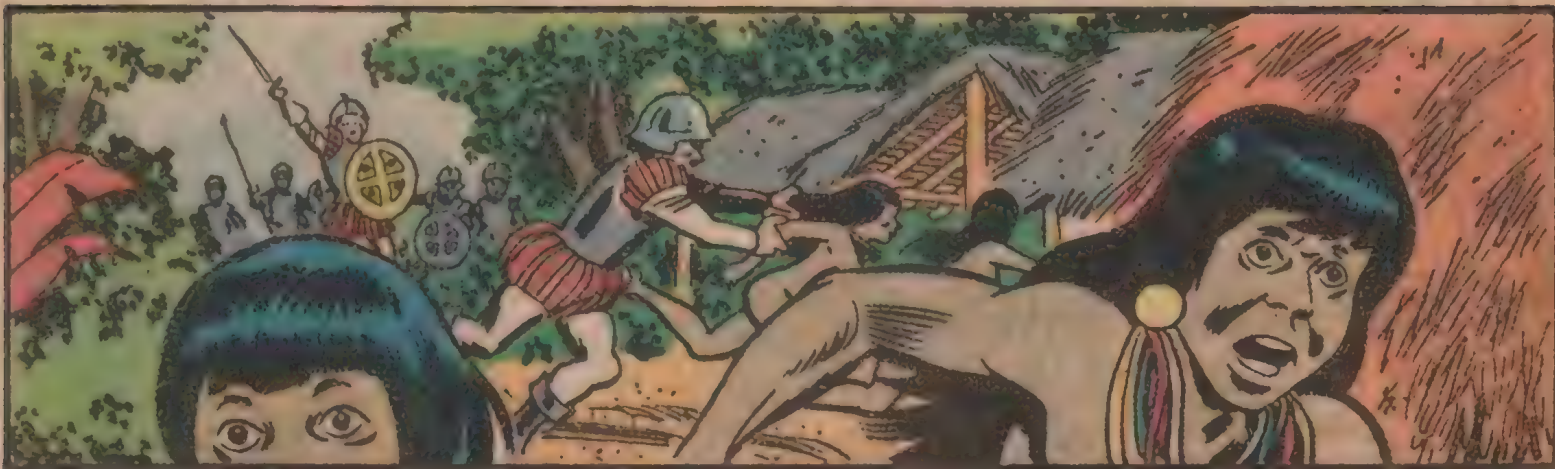
IT'S
TOO LATE
!!!

IT'S
NEVER
TOO LATE
!!!

CONTACT!

THE AUCA HATRED
HAD DEEP ROOTS ---

--- IN 1541 SPANISH EXPLORERS LOOTED,
RAPED, AND ENSLAVED THE AUCAS.!!!

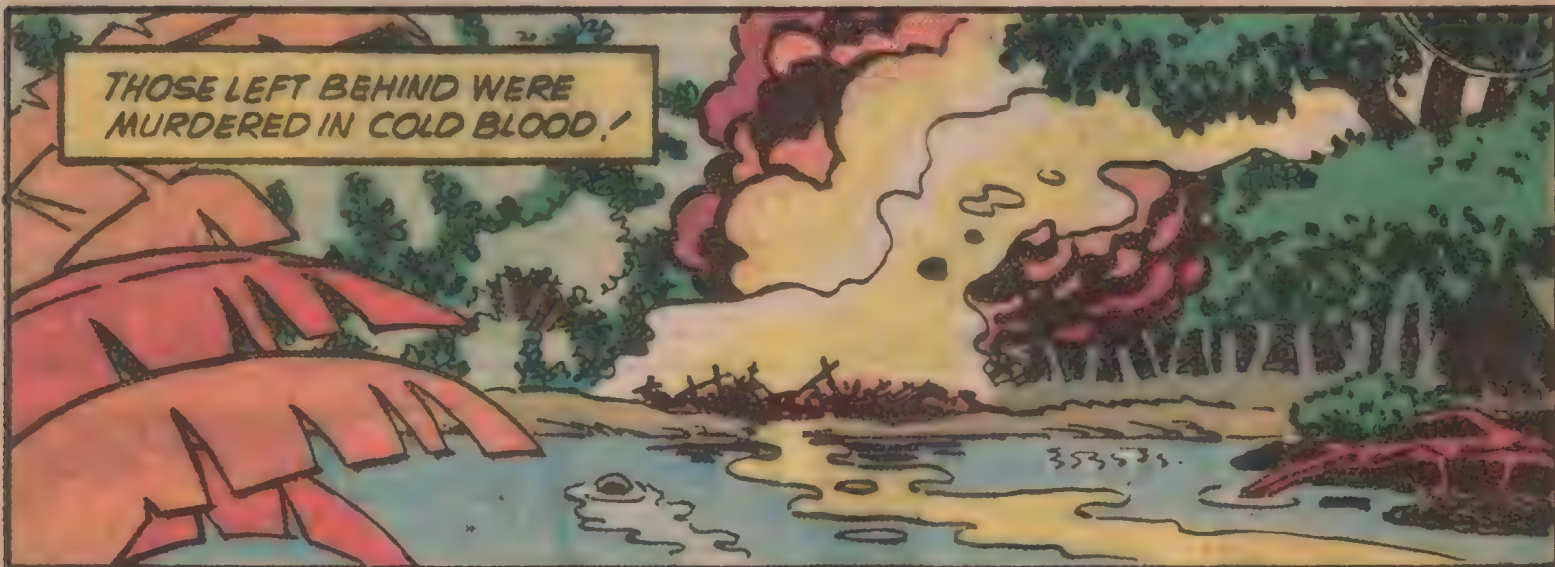


IN THE 1800 S , RUBBER HUNTERS
VICTIMIZED THE AUCAS ---

--- HEALTHY YOUNG MEN BECAME SLAVES
ON RUBBER PLANTATIONS.!!!



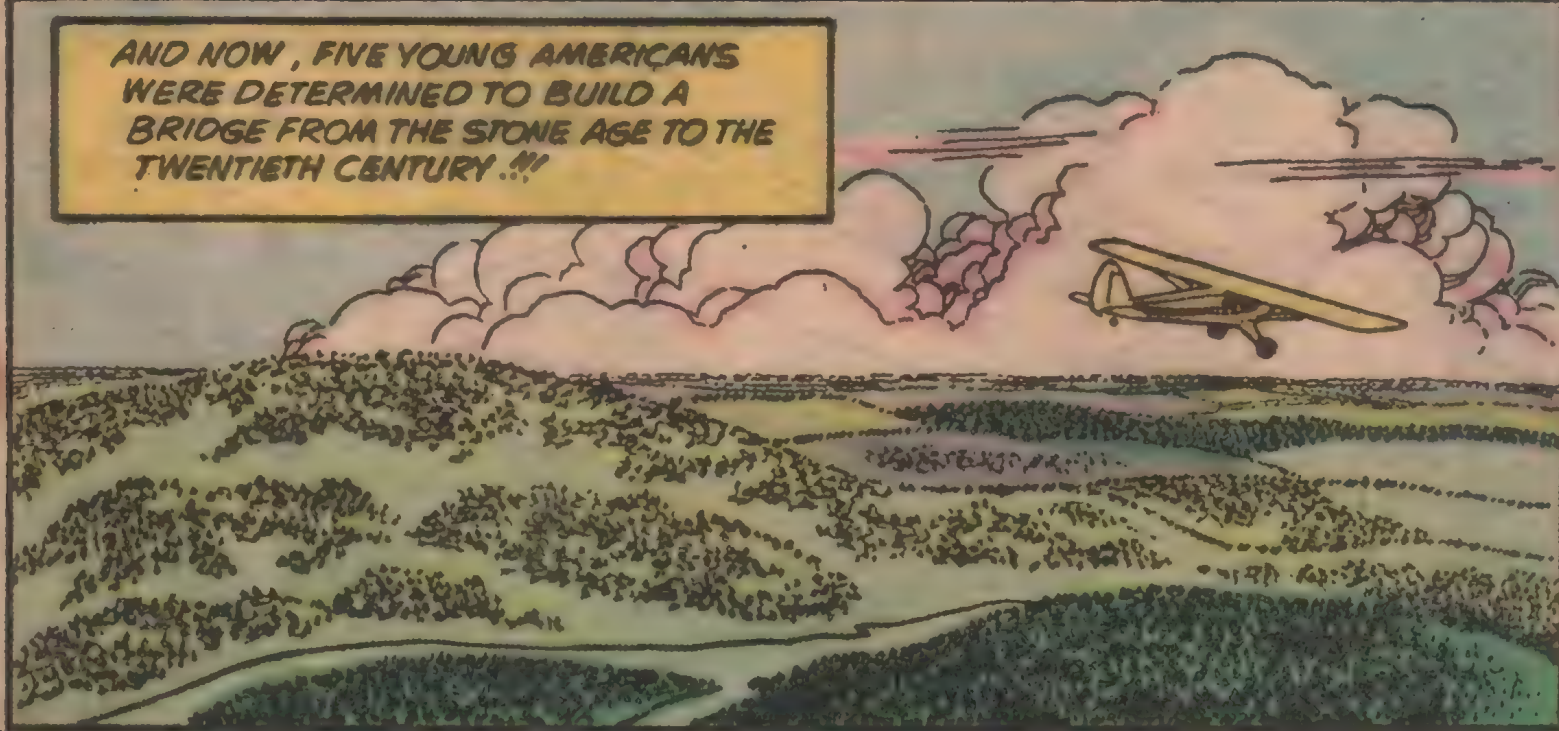
THOSE LEFT BEHIND WERE
MURDERED IN COLD BLOOD.!



AND SO ,
HATRED AND
FEAR BECAME
A LEGACY
FROM AUCA
GENERATION TO
GENERATION.!!!



AND NOW, FIVE YOUNG AMERICANS
WERE DETERMINED TO BUILD A
BRIDGE FROM THE STONE AGE TO THE
TWENTIETH CENTURY !!!



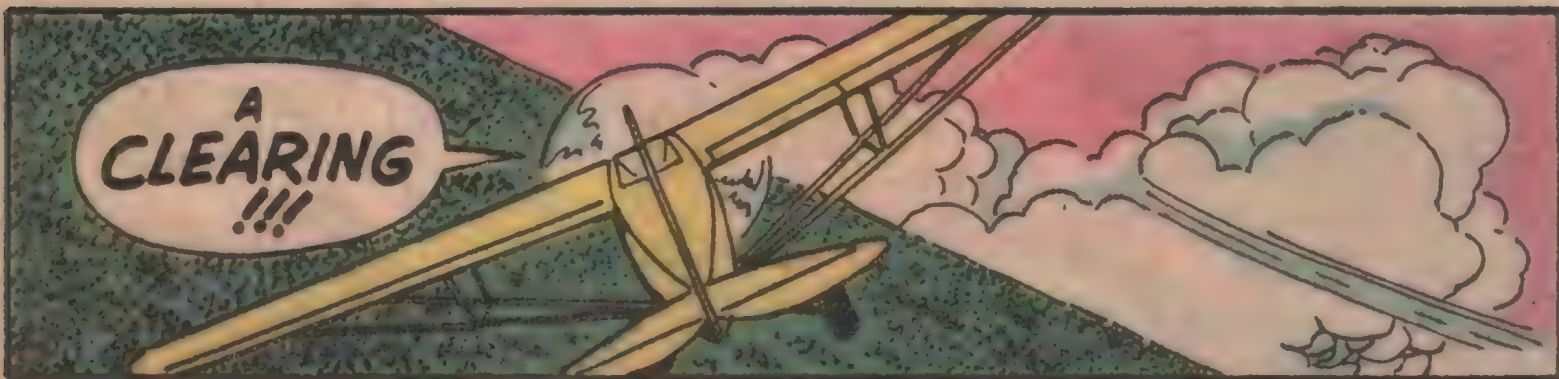
OUR
FUEL'S
GETTING
LOW---

WE'D
BETTER
TURN
BA---

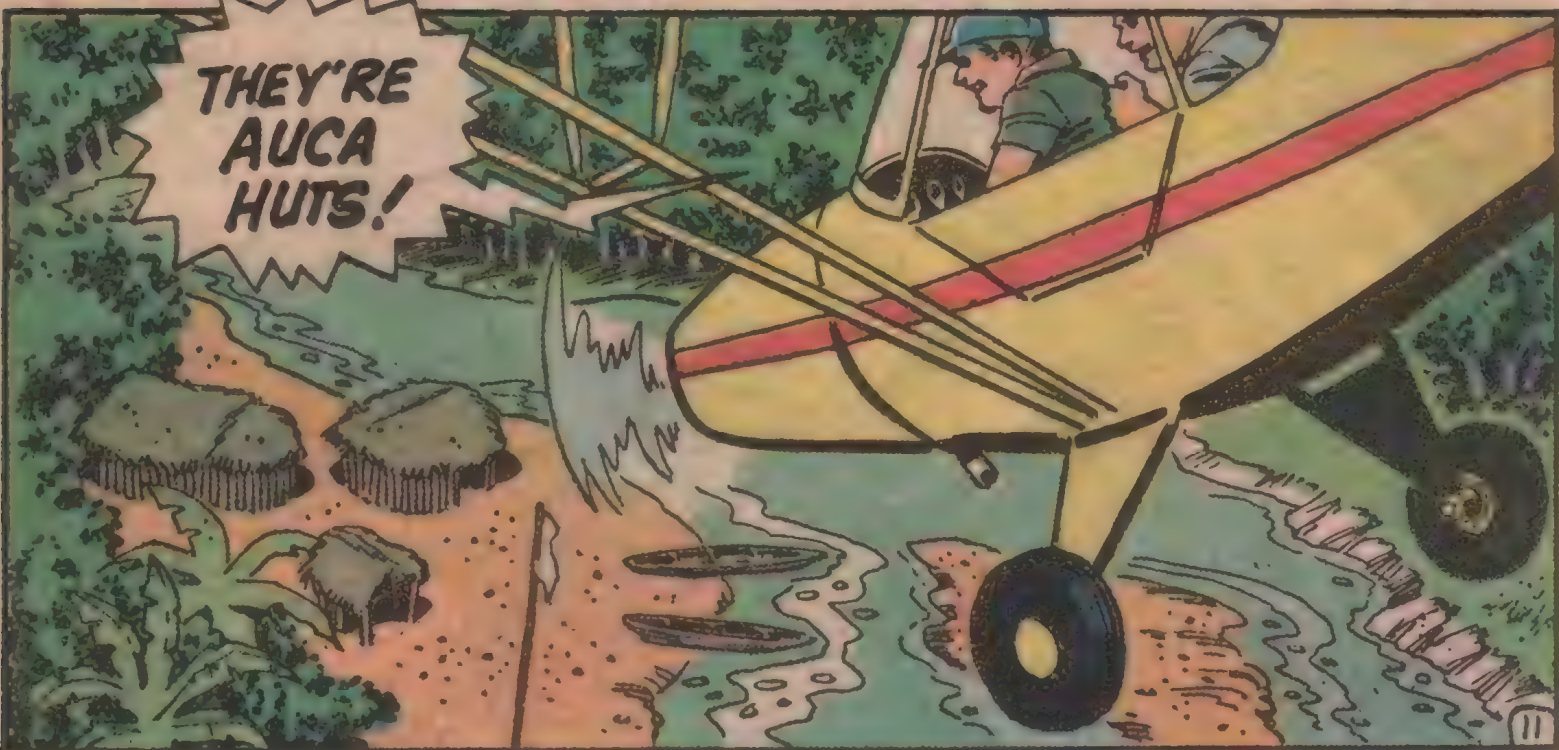
JIM!
LOOK
!!!



A
CLEARING
!!!



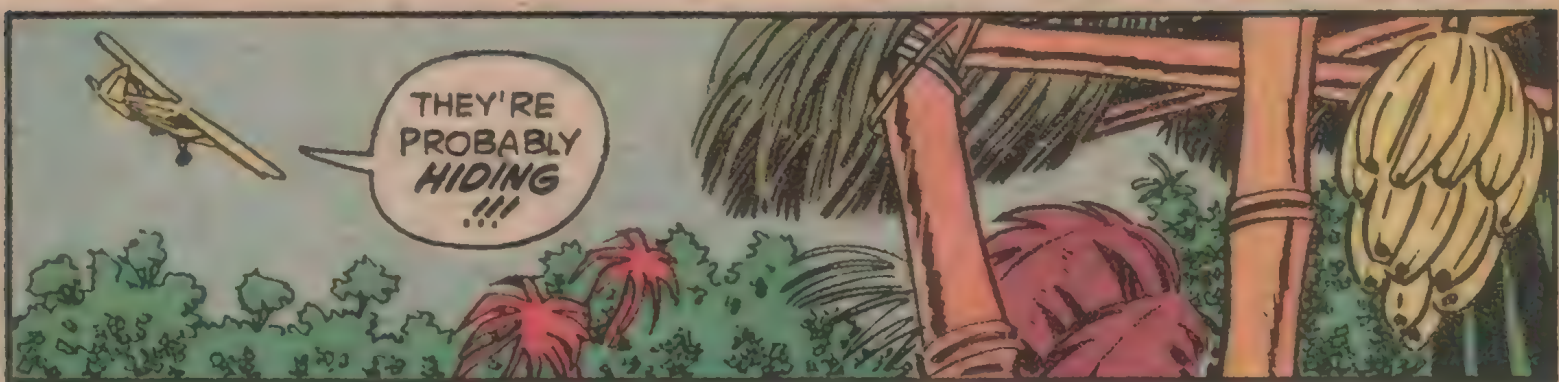
THEY'RE
AUCA
HUTS!






I
DON'T
SEE
ANYONE
!!!

BUT
THERE ARE
PLENTY OF SIGNS
OF LIFE
!!!




THEY'RE
PROBABLY
HIDING
!!!



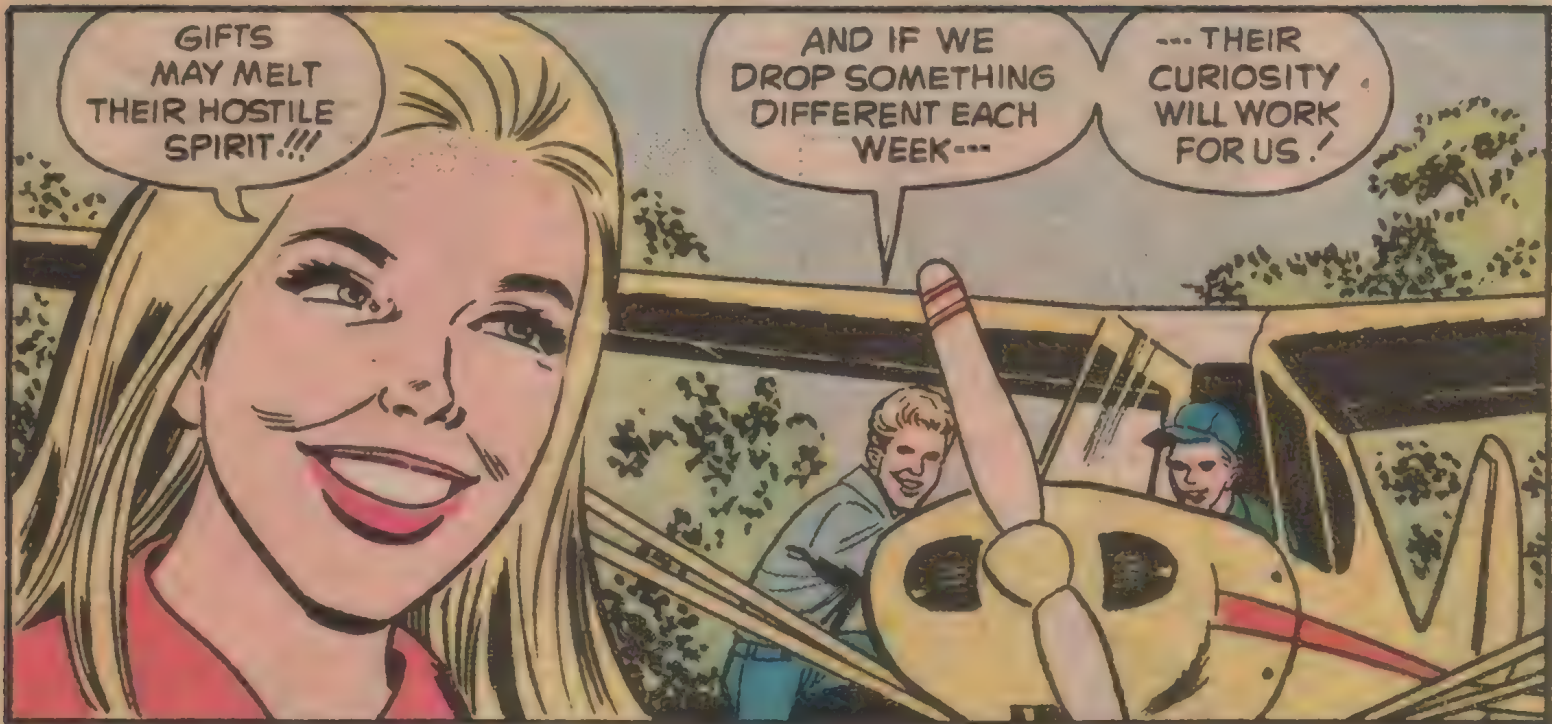
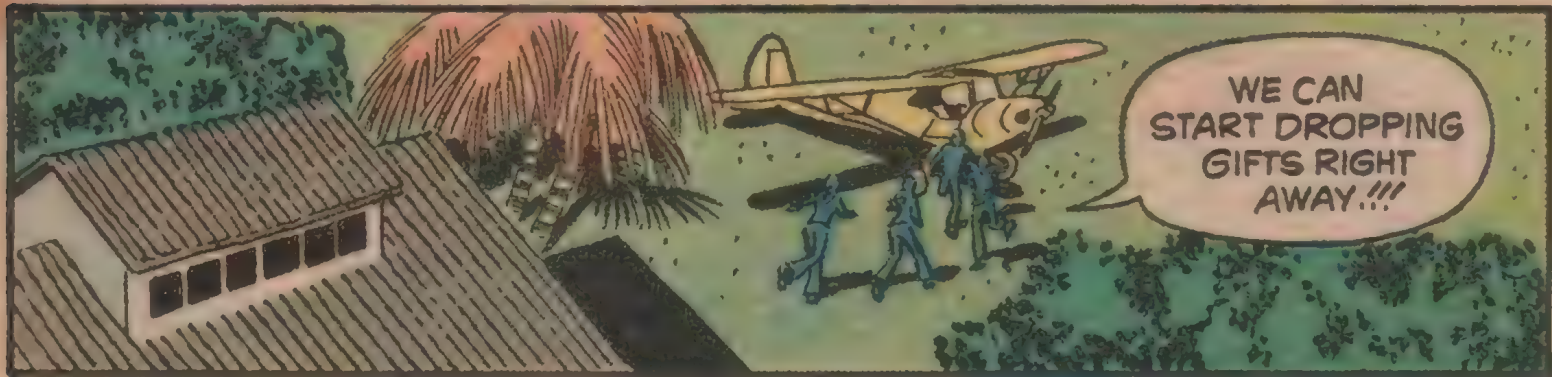
I'D
LIKE TO
DROP DOWN
FOR A
CLOSER
LOOK---

BUT WE
DON'T WANT
TO **FRIGHTEN**
THEM.!

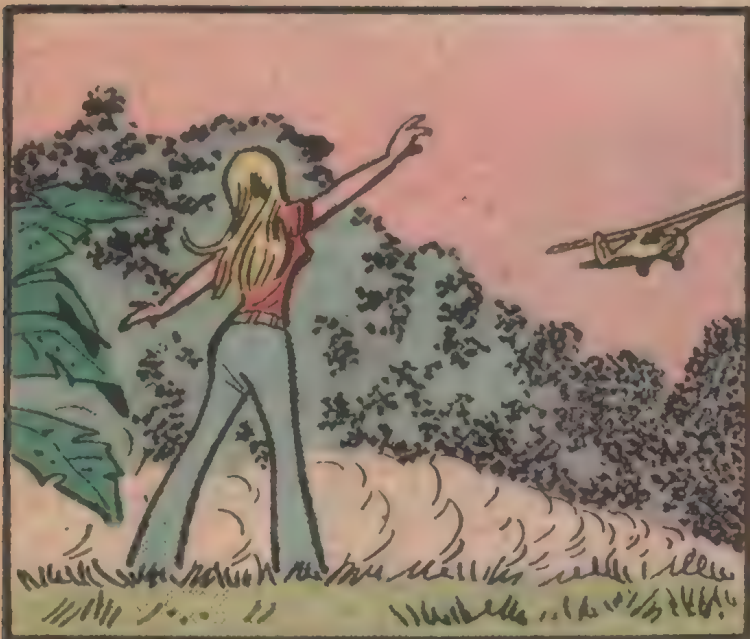


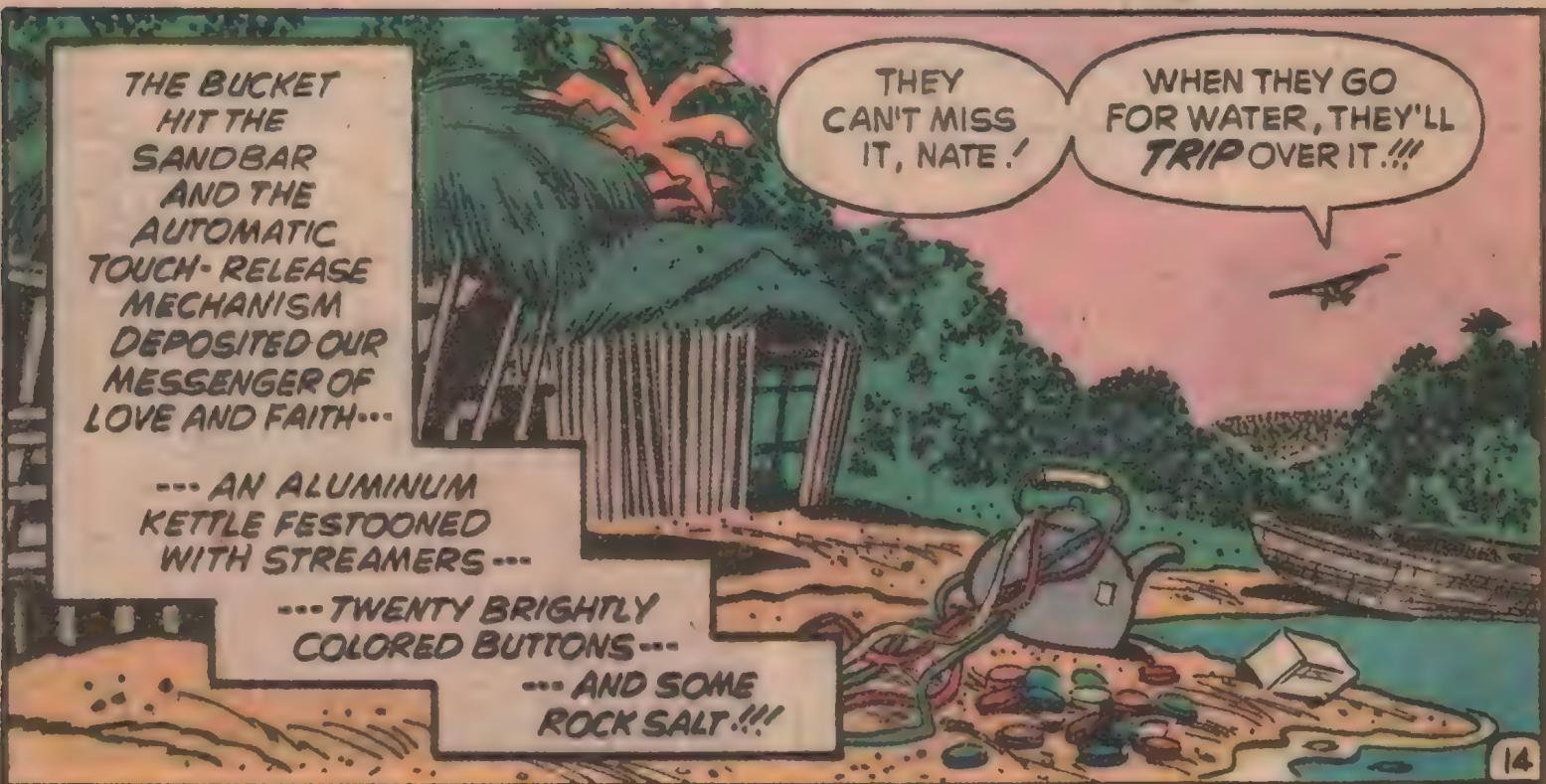
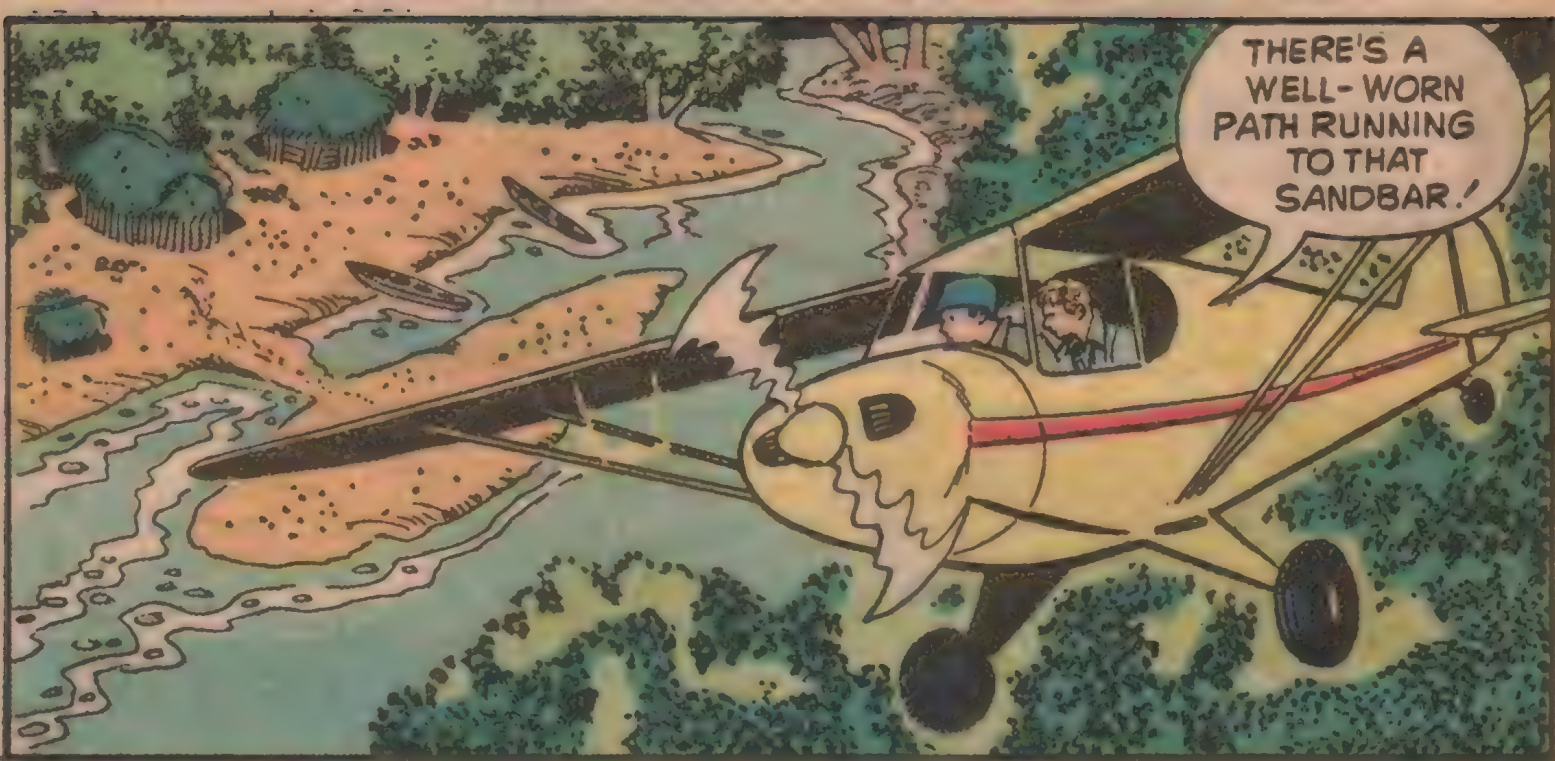
THEY'RE
COMING IN
FAST!!!

THEY'VE
FOUND
THE
AUCAS
!!!



OCTOBER 6, 1955 --- THE FIRST GIFT WAS ON ITS WAY TO THE DREADED AUCAS ---





A WEEK
LATER WE
WERE BACK
OVER THE
AUCA
VILLAGE
!!!

I STILL
CAN'T SEE
ANYONE!

BUT
LAST WEEK'S
GIFT IS
GONE.
NATE
!!!

WE'LL
DROP A
MACHETE
THIS
WEEK!

THEY
SHOULD
LOVE
THAT---

THEY'VE
BEEN KNOWN
TO KILL
FOR A
MACHETE
!!!

WE
MISSED
THE
SAND-
BAR!

OUR
GIFT
FELL
IN THE
RIVER
!!!

SPLASH!

AND
THEN
THERE
WAS
**ANOTHER
SPLASH**
!!!

SPLASH!

THERE
THEY ARE,
JIM...

THE
AUCAS
!!!

WE'VE
MADE
CONTACT
!!!



THE AUCAS RESPONDED
TO OUR WEEKLY DROPS
WITH REAL ENTHUSIAM !

THEY'RE DRESSING
LIKE DUDES WITH
THE CLOTHES WE
SENT DOWN !

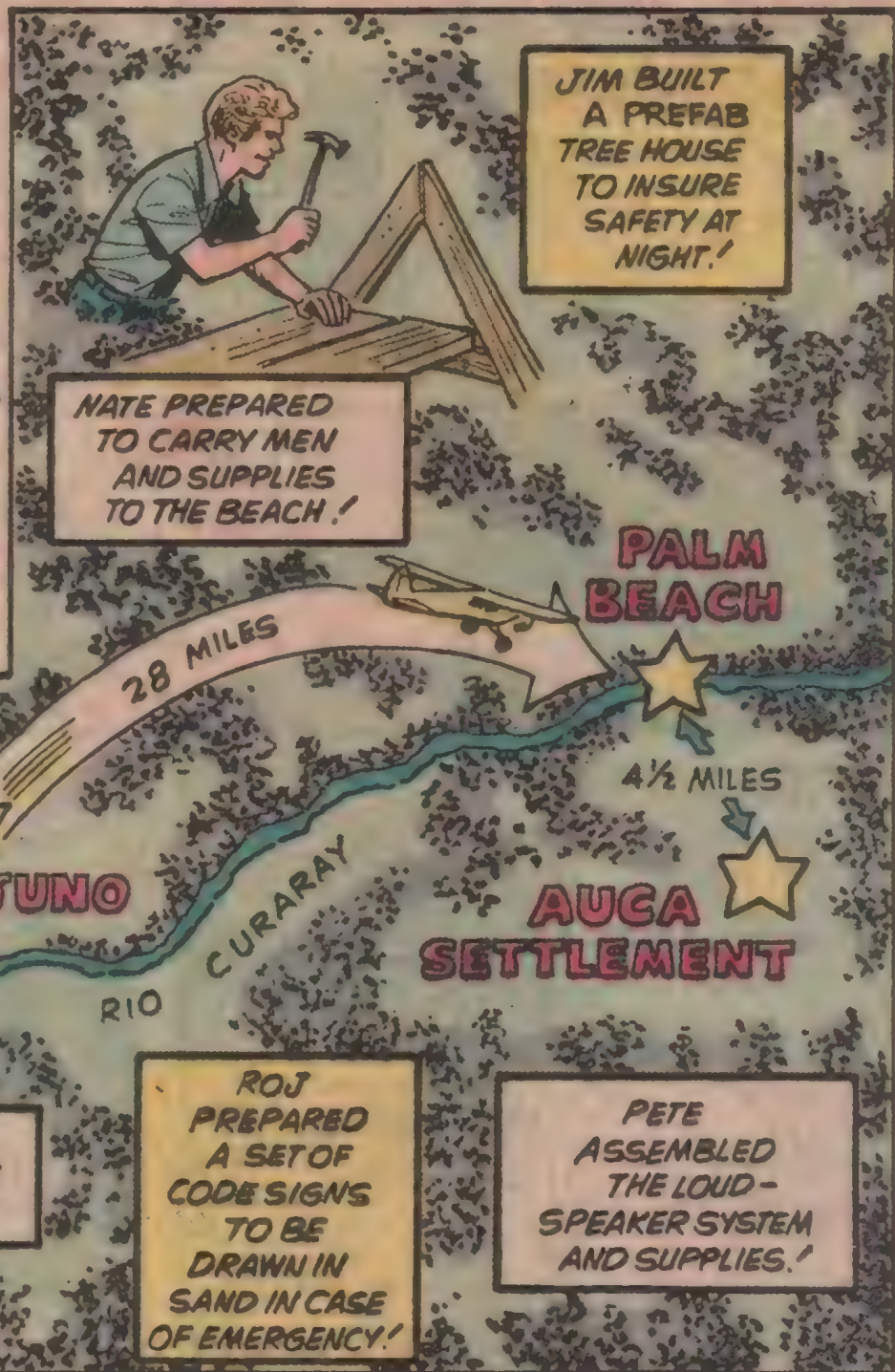
AND
THEY
SENT
GIFTS
UP TO
US
!!!

I THINK IT'S TIME TO
ATTEMPT A CONTACT WITH
THEM ON THE GROUND !

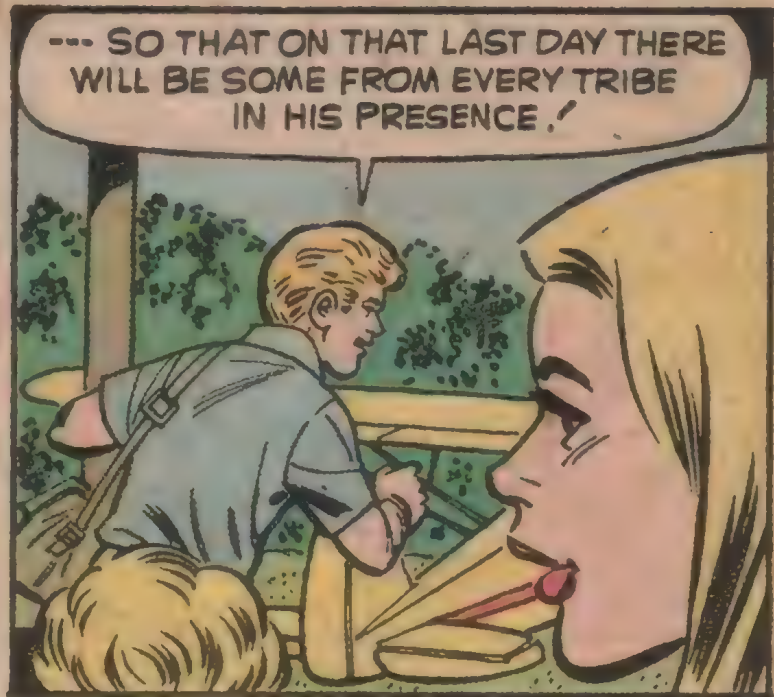
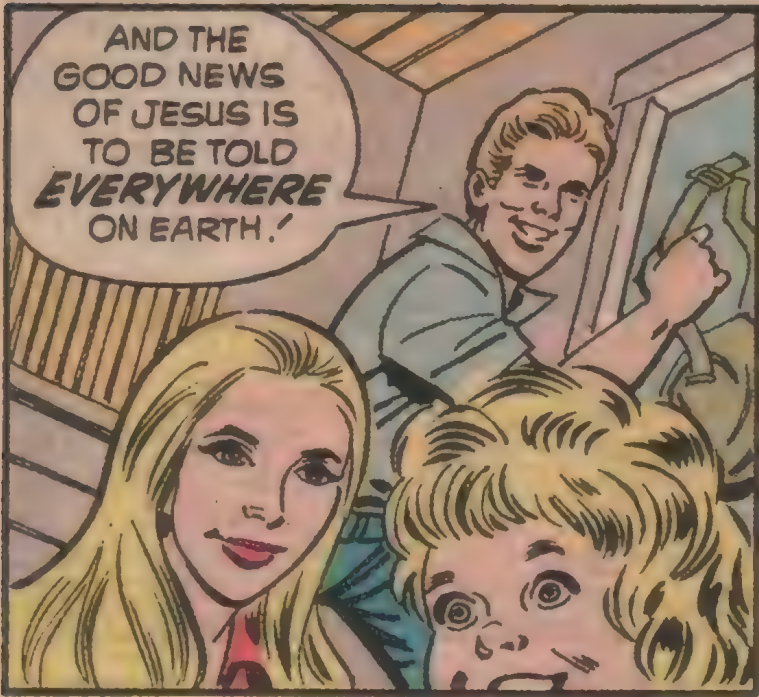
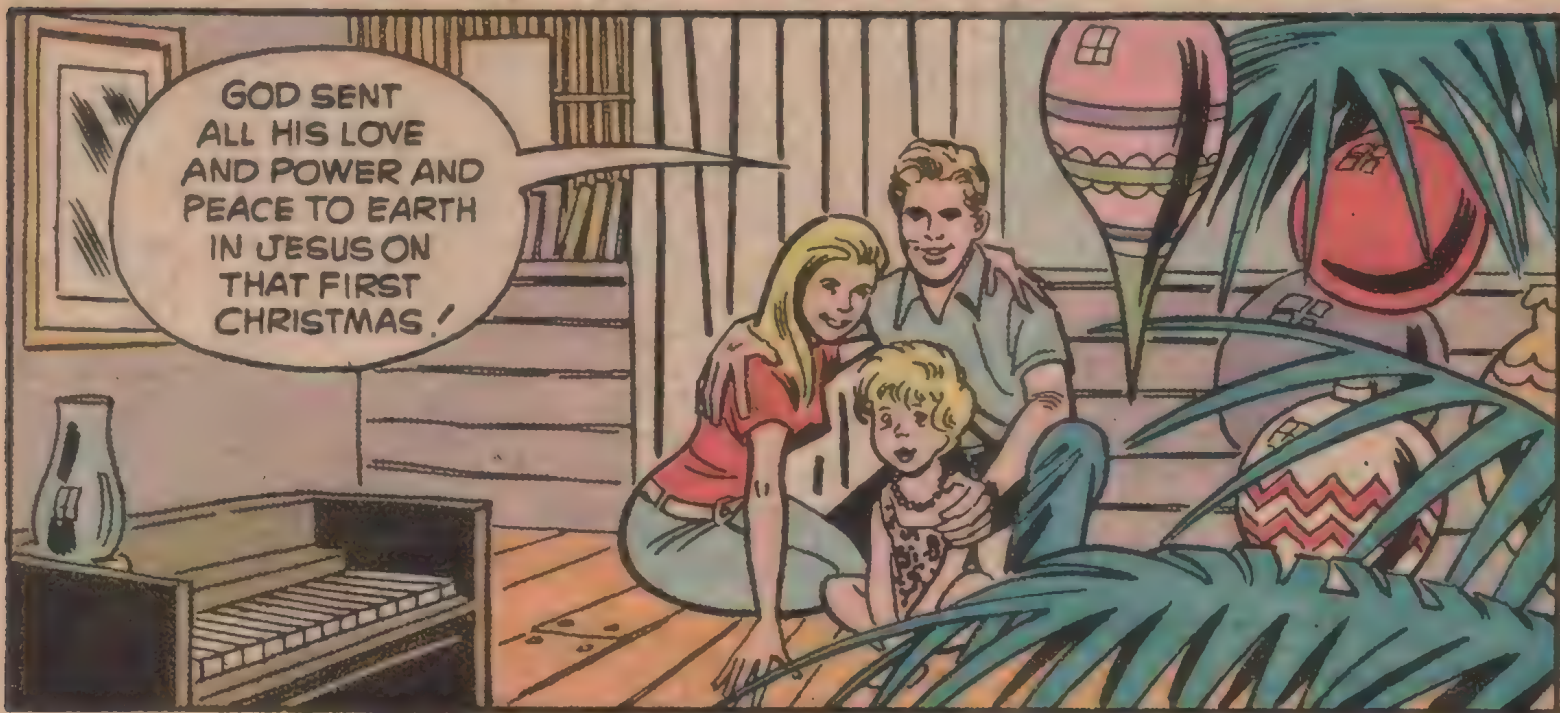
I'VE
SPOTTED A
GOOD BEACH
JUST NORTH
OF THE
AUCAS ?

WE CAN FLY IN
AND SET UP A
CAMP !!!

AND SO, "OPERATION AUCA" TOOK SHAPE



"NO MAN IS A FOOL WHO GIVES WHAT HE CAN'T KEEP...AND GAINS WHAT HE CAN'T LOSE!" JIM ELLIOT



January 2, 1956
Trust
ee

...Thine is the battle,
Thine shall be the praise
When passing through
the gates of
pearly splendor...

January 3, 1956
We have no sense of
fear or sacrifice as we
go... just the joy and
sheer excitement of
knowing God on earth...
and doing His
will

NATE FERRIED THE
YOUNG AMERICANS AND
THEIR SUPPLIES ---

WELCOME TO "PALM BEACH"
INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

AND
THEN HE
LEFT TO
DELIVER AN
INVITATION
TO OUR
"NEIGHBORS"

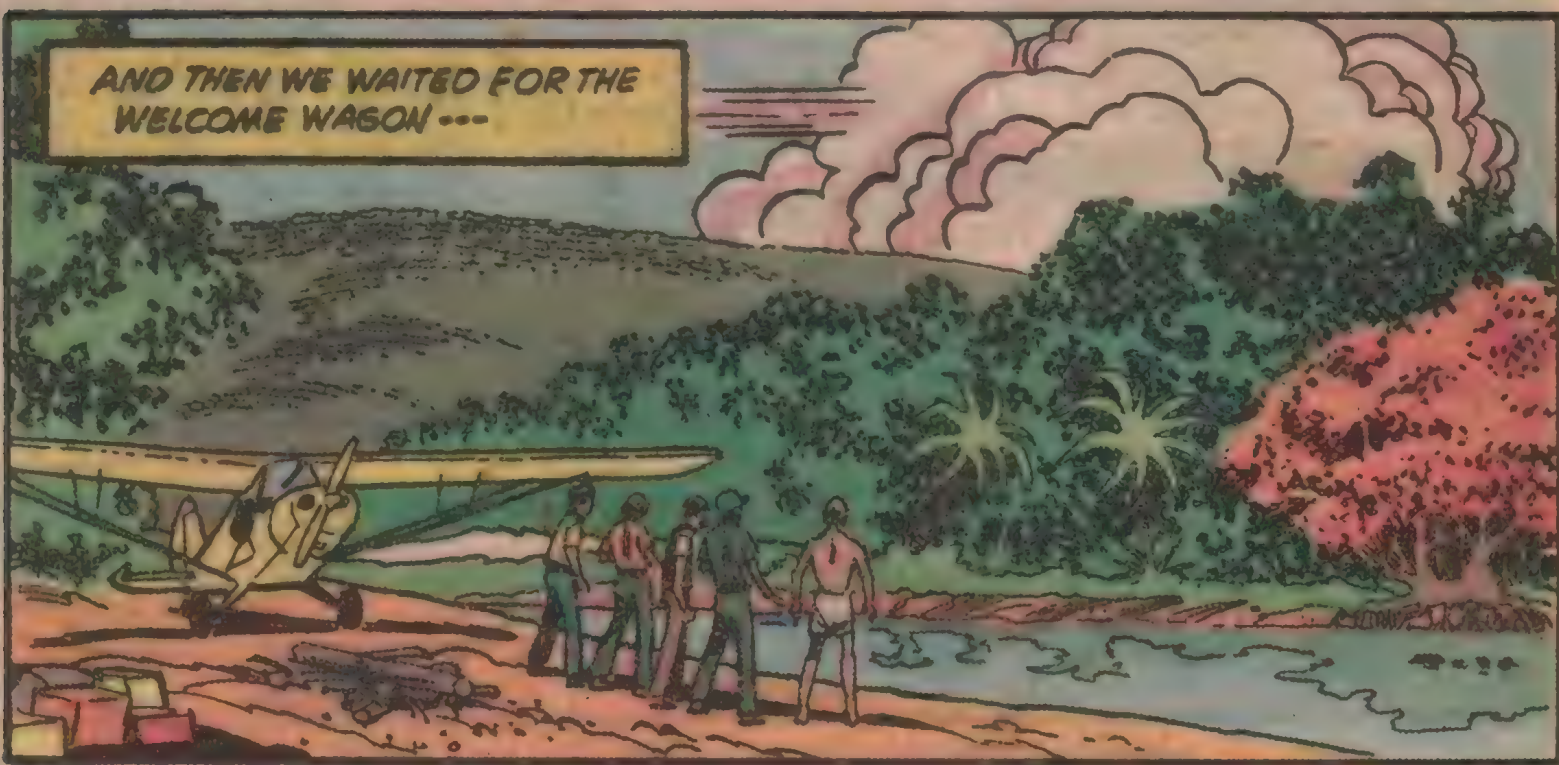
* BITI MITI
PUNIMUPA!

* I LIKE YOU --- I WANT TO
BE YOUR FRIEND.!

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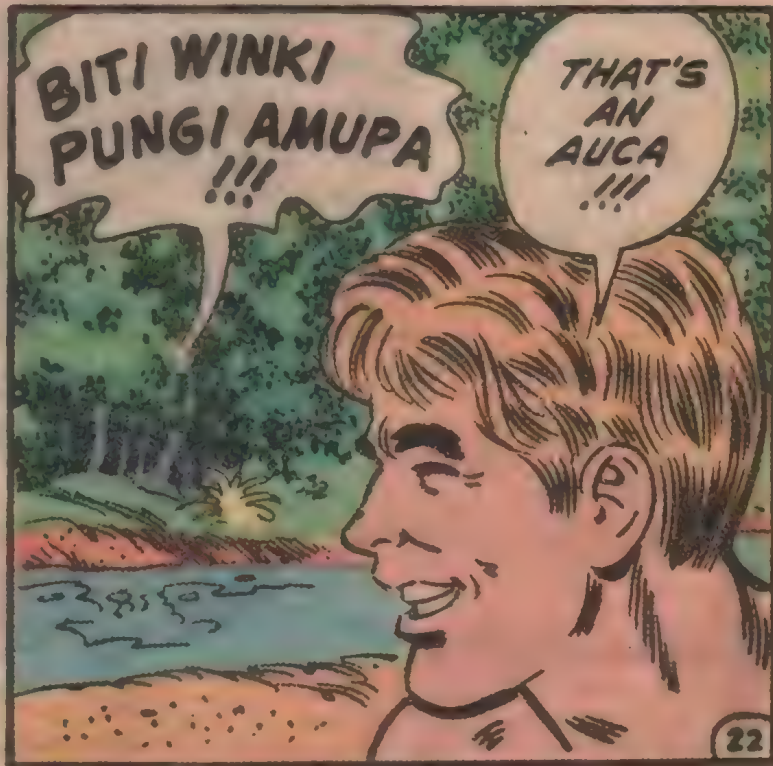


COME
TOMORROW
TO THE
CURARAY!



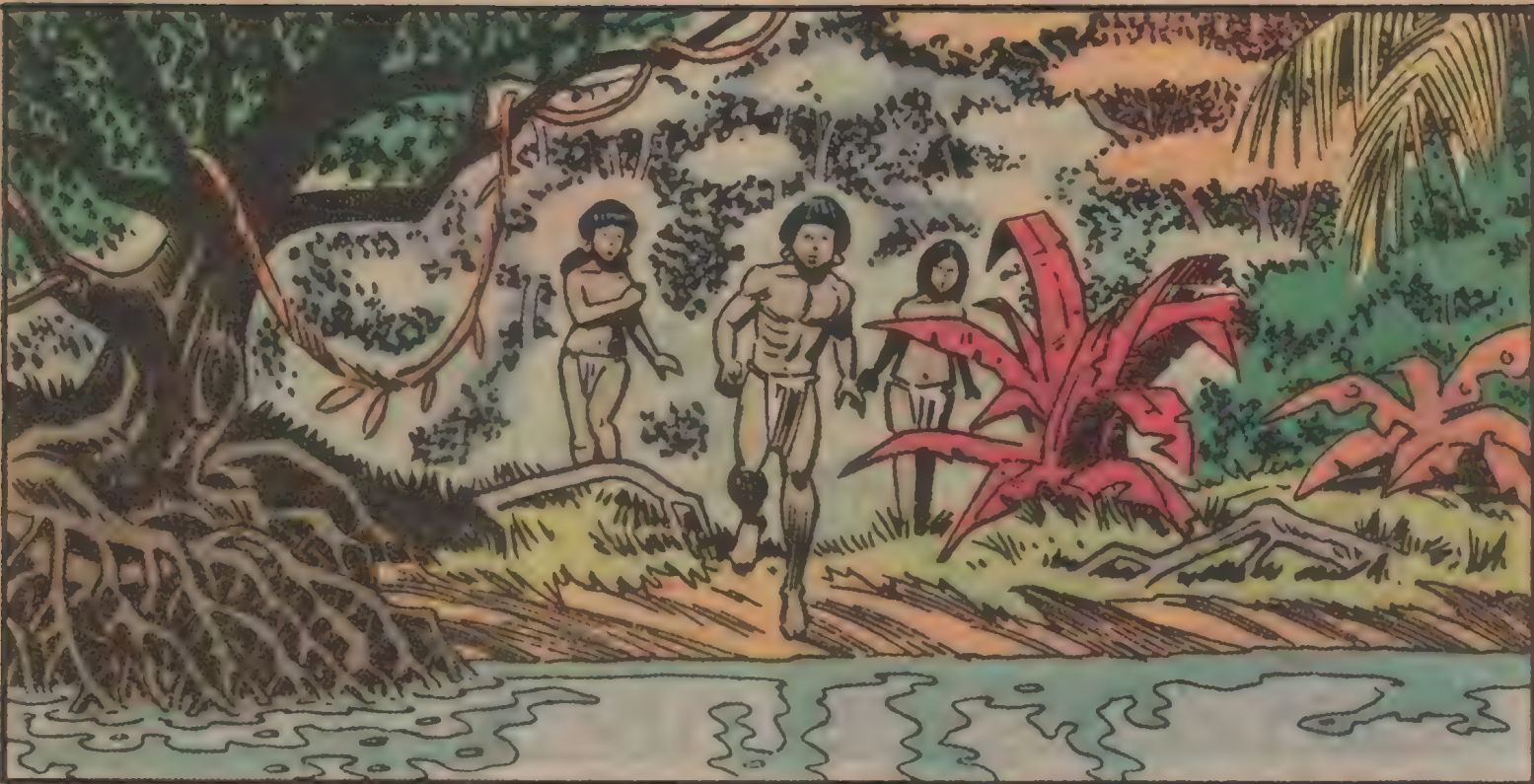
AND THEN WE WAITED FOR THE
WELCOME WAGON ---

January 5, 1944
Dearest Betty:
Our love for the Auca
grows as we wait to
meet them. But we
can't get careless! We
know they're Killera!
We feel we're being
watched!
Pray for



BITI WINKI
PUNGI AMUPA
!!!

THAT'S
AN
AUCA
!!!



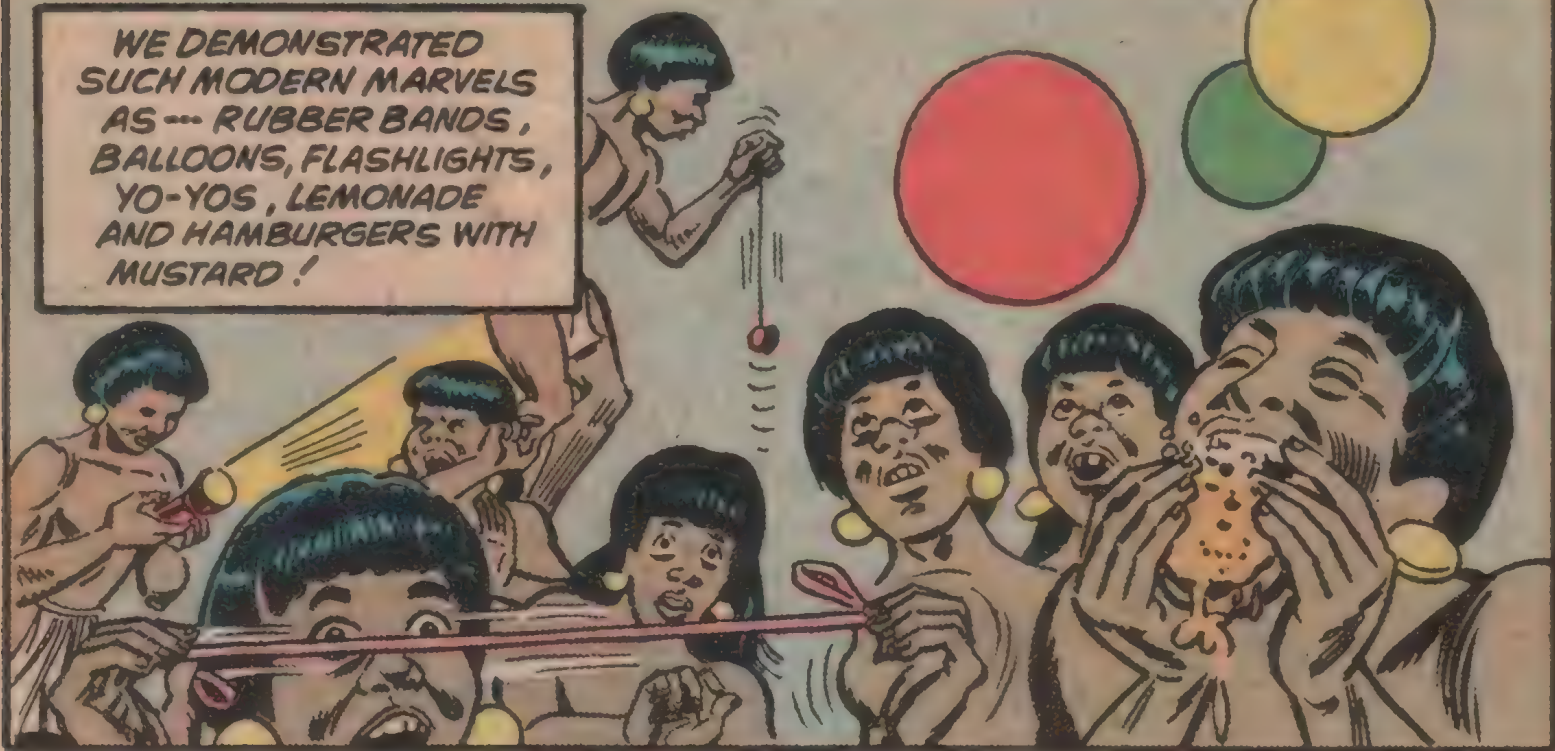
OUR
GIFTS
HELPED
TO
EASE
THE
TENSION...



AND WE TACTFULLY IGNORED
THE GIFT **THEY** OFFERED US !

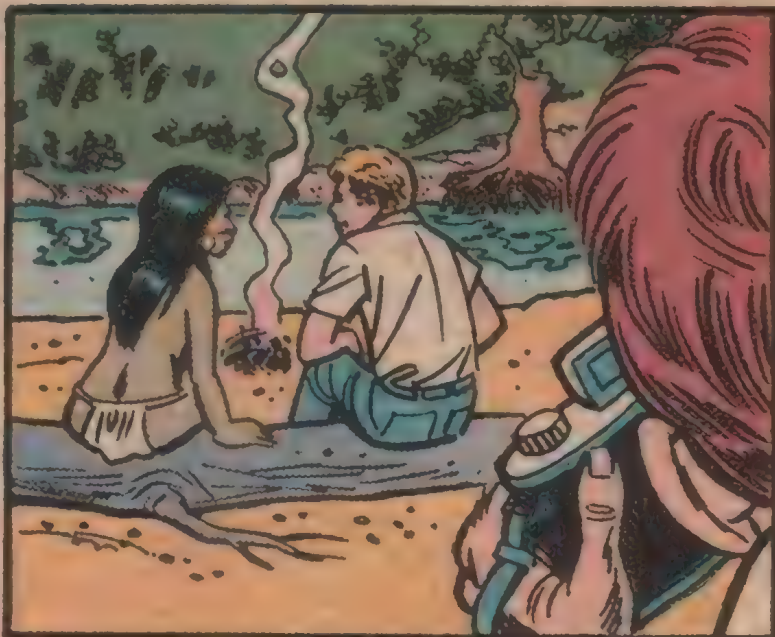
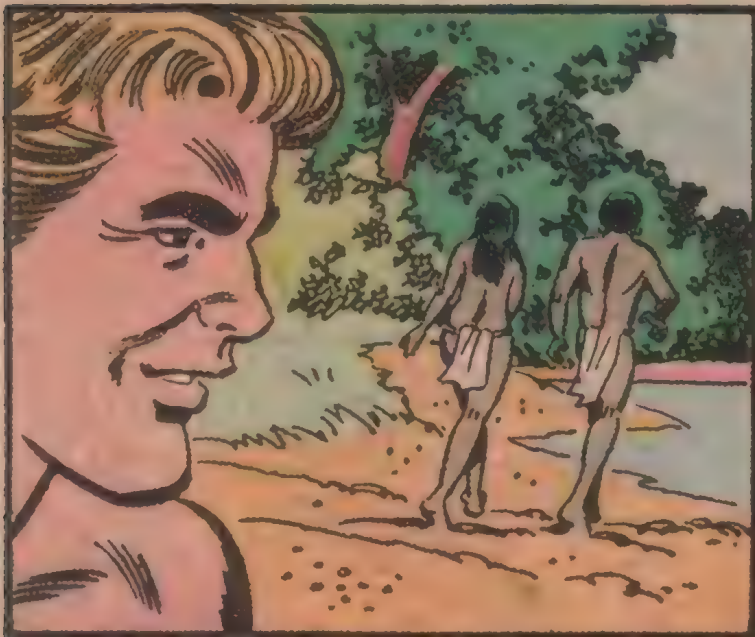


WE DEMONSTRATED
SUCH MODERN MARVELS
AS --- RUBBER BANDS,
BALLOONS, FLASHLIGHTS,
YO-YOS, LEMONADE
AND HAMBURGERS WITH
MUSTARD!



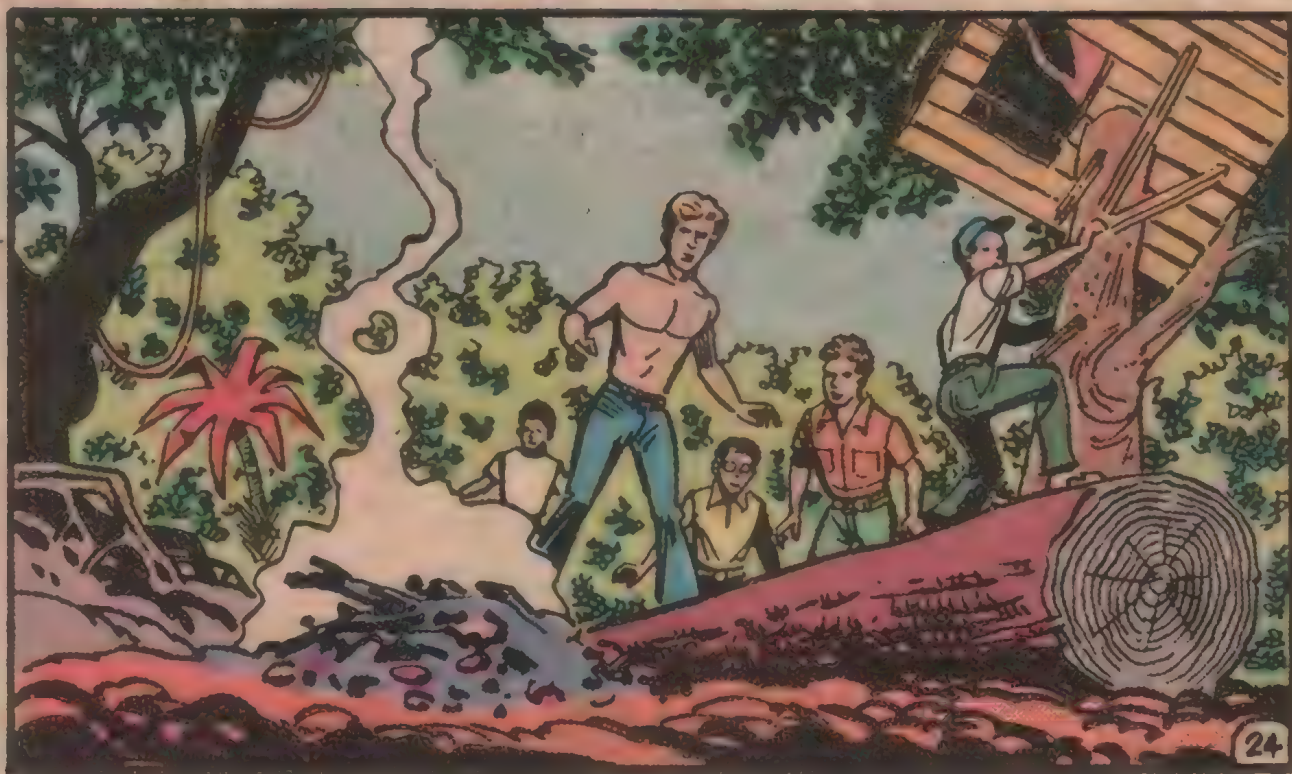
LATE IN THE DAY "GEORGE" AND
"DELILAH" SUDDENLY LEFT!

THE OLDER WOMAN STAYED BY THE
FIRE AND TALKED INTO THE NIGHT!



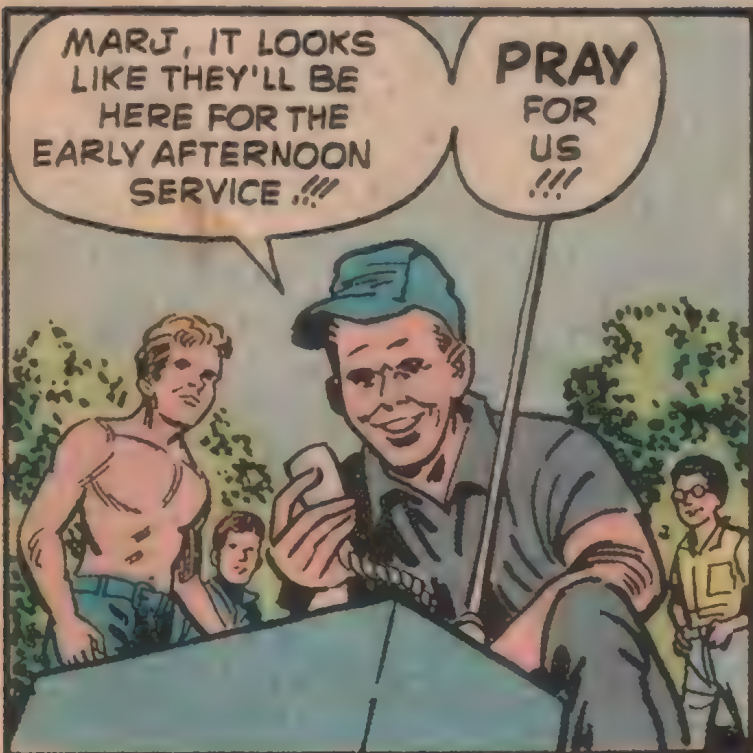
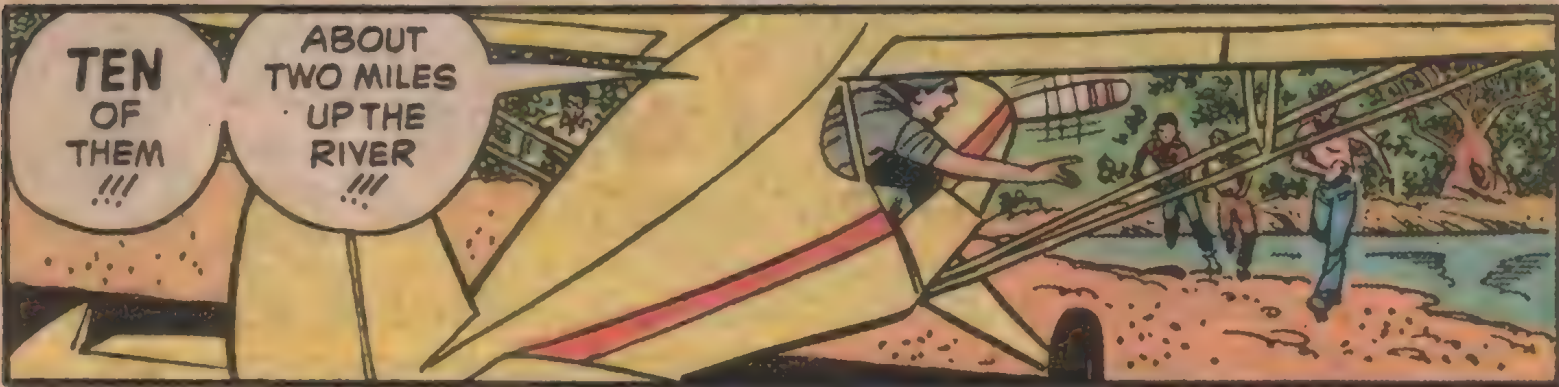
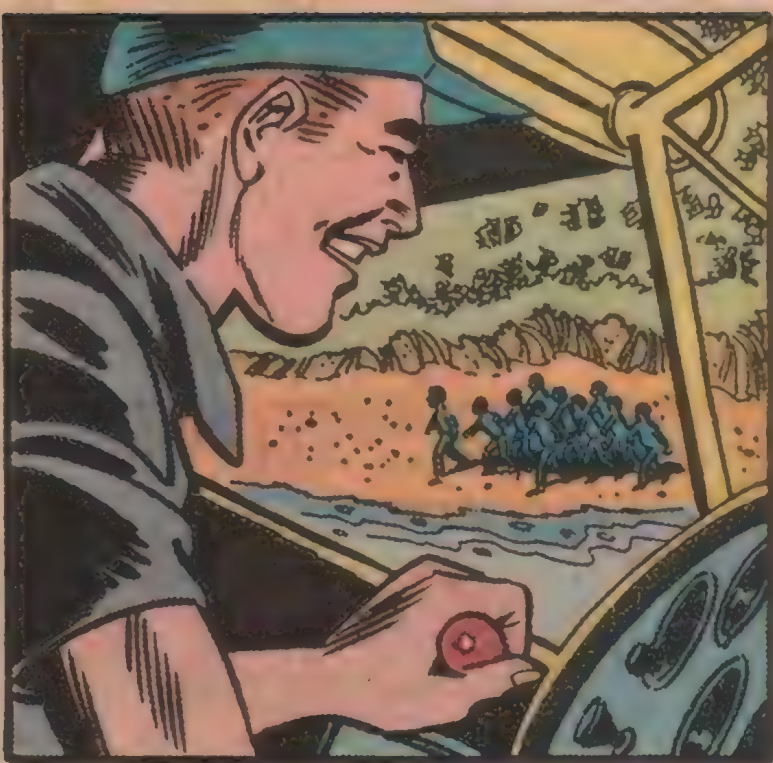
IN
THE
MORNING
SHE, TOO,
WAS
GONE!

ONLY
THE
SOUNDS
OF JUNGLE
BIRDS AND
PUMAS
FILLED
THE
AIR!!!

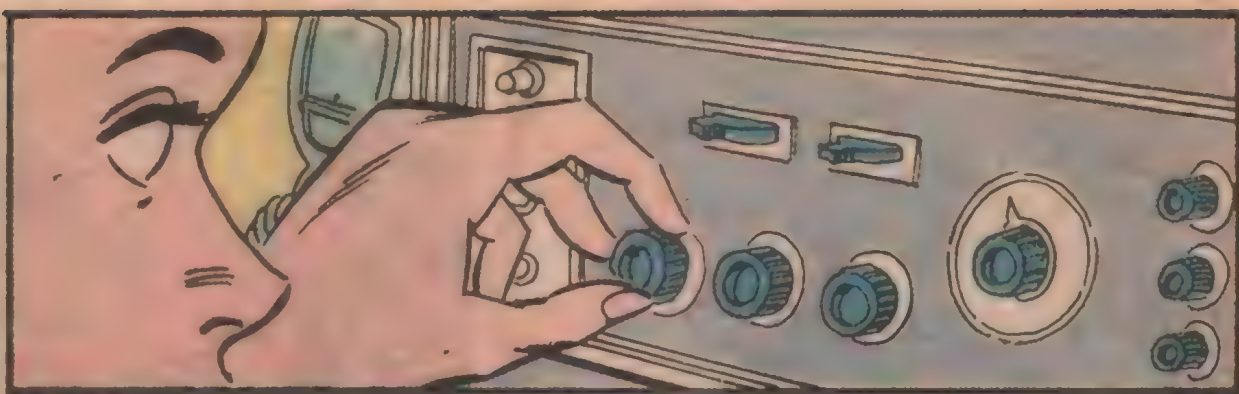


"Palm Beach"
January 6, 1956

Dearest Baby:
We've waited all day
for another visit but
nothing yet.
Nate is out scouting
in the cub...



AT 4:30
SHARP, MARJ
SAINT EAGERLY
SWITCHED ON
THE RADIO
RECEIVER AT
SHELL MERA!



AN HOUR LATER---

SILENCE
!!!

NOT
EVEN A
CRACKLE
!!!



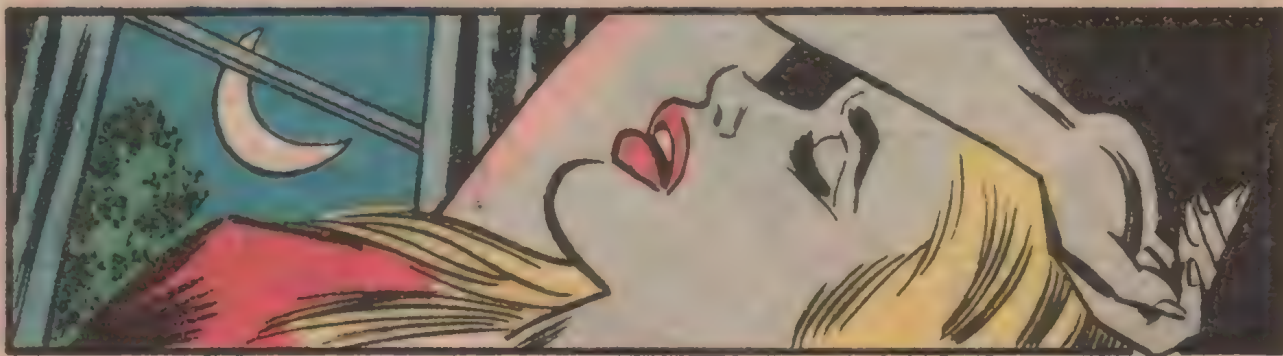
MORE
HOURS
PASSED--

MAYBE THEIR
RADIO'S NOT
WORKING---

IT'S
HAPPENED
BEFORE
!!!



THERE
WAS
NO
SLEEP
FOR THE
WIVES
THAT
NIGHT!



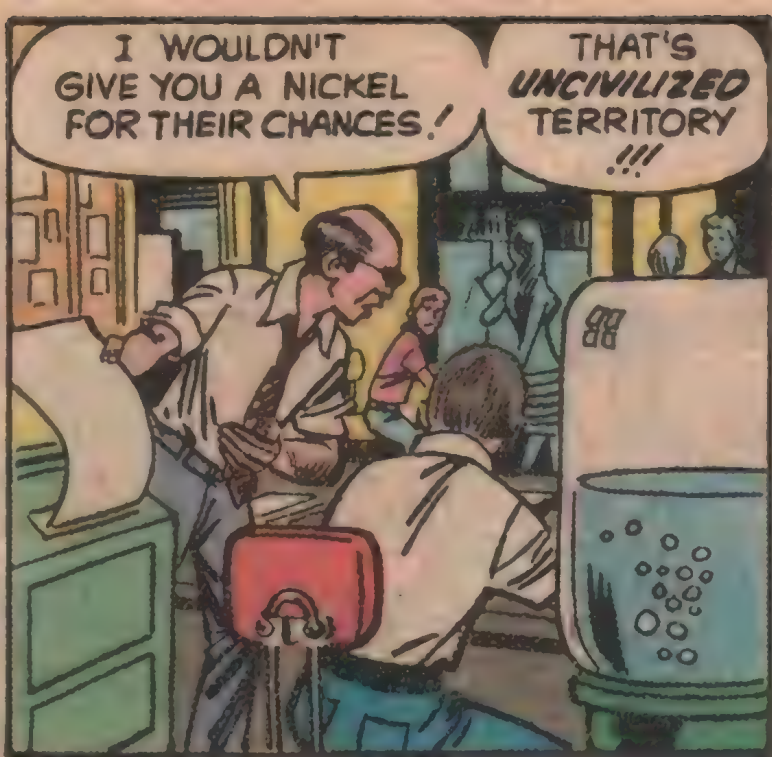
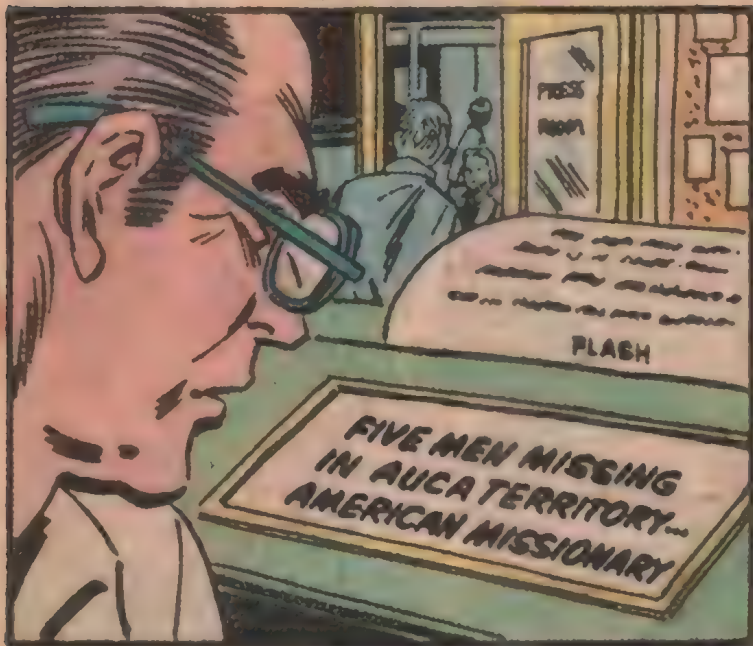
EARLY
THE NEXT
MORNING,
ANOTHER
MISSIONARY
PILOT
RADIOED
A REPORT
!!!

THE
PIPER'S
DESTROYED
!!!

NO SIGN
OF THE
FELLOWS
!!!

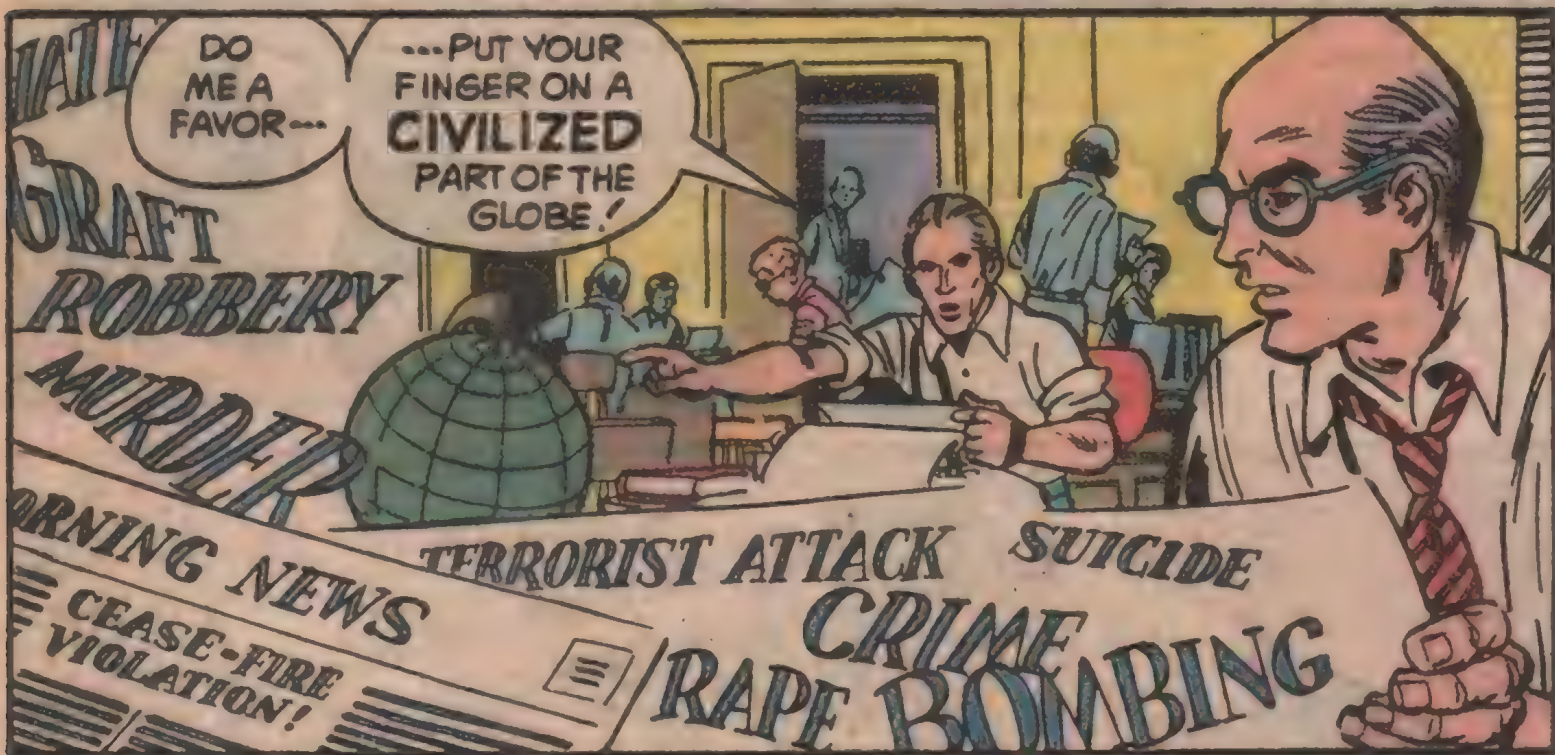


THE NEWS FLASHED AROUND THE WORLD---



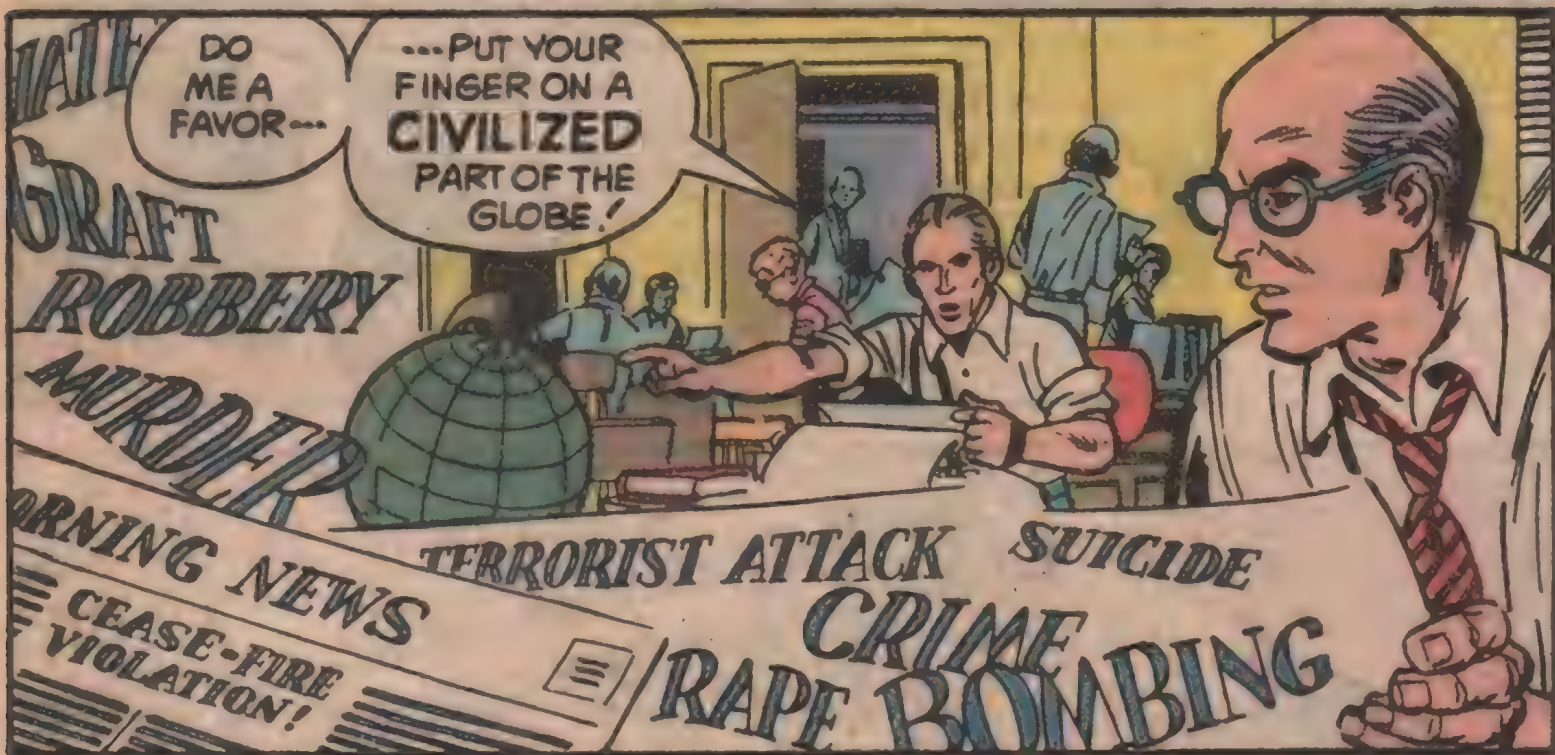
I WOULDN'T GIVE YOU A NICKEL FOR THEIR CHANCES!

THAT'S **UNCIVILIZED** TERRITORY !!!



DO ME A FAVOR---

...PUT YOUR FINGER ON A **CIVILIZED** PART OF THE GLOBE!



A SEARCH WAS MOUNTED AND THEN---



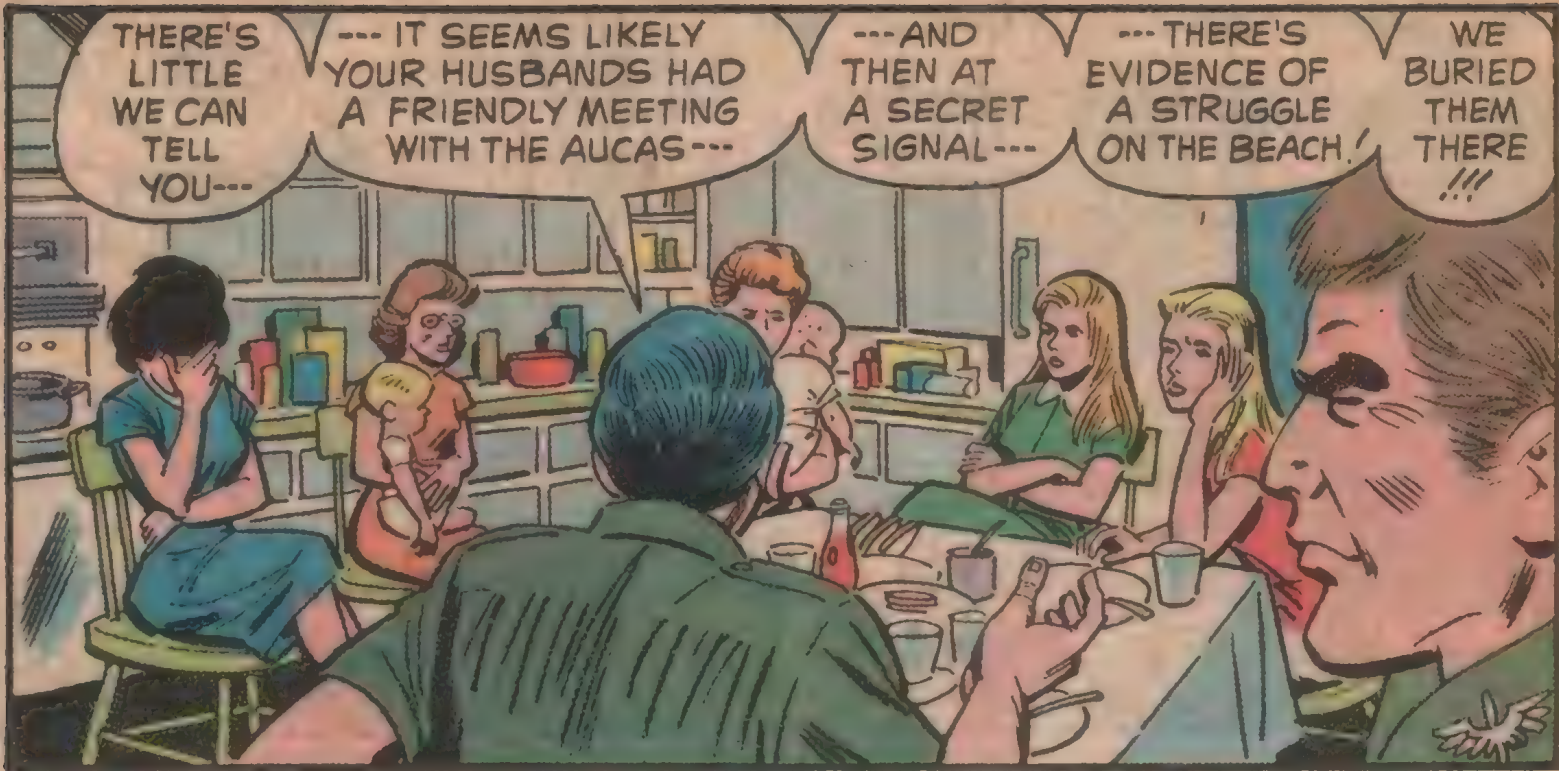
THERE !!!

IN THE RIVER !!!

THE BODIES WERE FOUND... ONE BY ONE !!!



WE'LL NEVER IDENTIFY THEM--- EXCEPT BY PAPERS OR JEWELRY !!!



THERE'S
LITTLE
WE CAN
TELL
YOU---

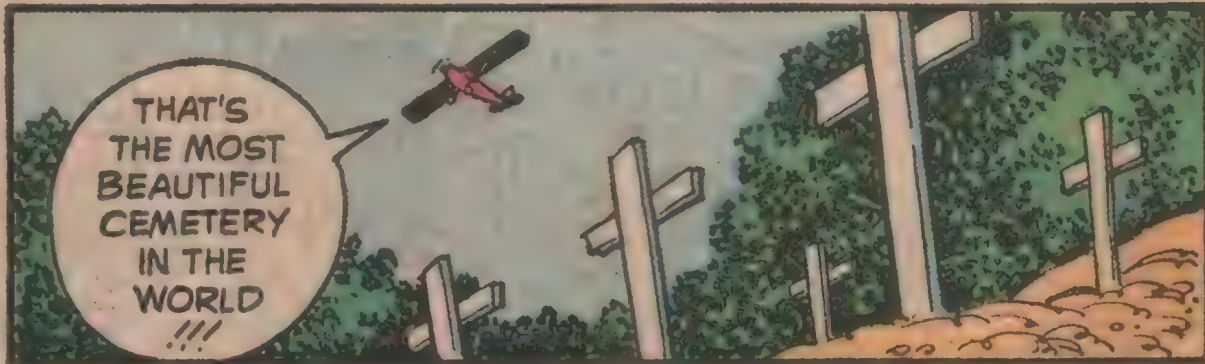
--- IT SEEMS LIKELY
YOUR HUSBANDS HAD
A FRIENDLY MEETING
WITH THE AUCAS---

--- AND
THEN AT
A SECRET
SIGNAL---

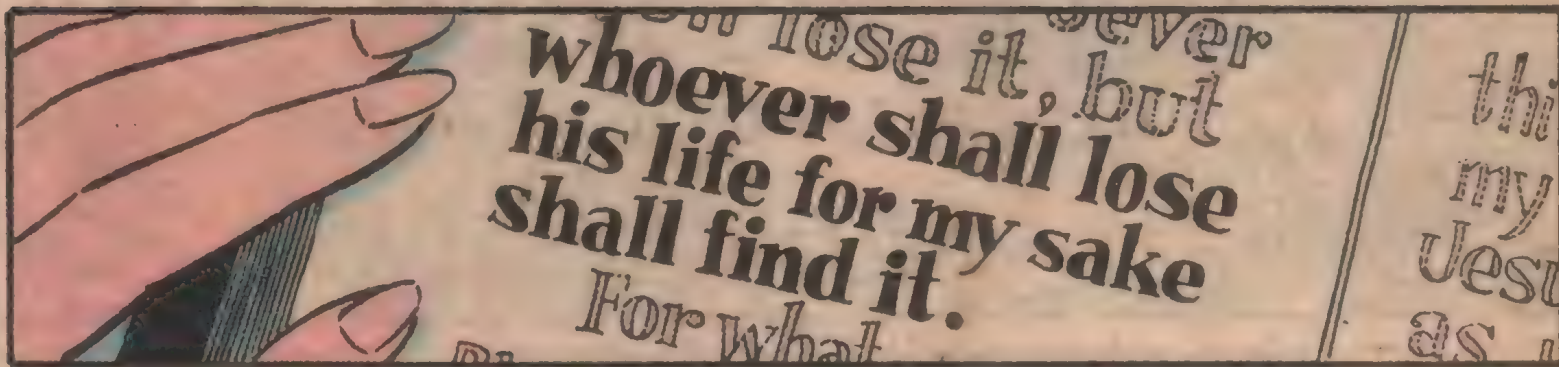
--- THERE'S
EVIDENCE OF
A STRUGGLE
ON THE BEACH!

WE
BURIED
THEM
THERE
!!!

THE LORD
CLOSED OUR
HEARTS TO
GRIEF AND
HYSTERIA, AND
FILLED US
WITH HIS
PERFECT
PEACE.!!!



THAT'S
THE MOST
BEAUTIFUL
CEMETERY
IN THE
WORLD
!!!



...lose it, but
whoever shall lose
his life for my sake
shall find it.
For what

thi
my
ves
as

BUT OTHERS HAD THEIR
DOUBTS!

IN DES MOINES, IOWA, AN
18-YEAR-OLD READ THE STORY
AND---



WHAT A
WASTE OF
LIVES.!!!

THE DAILY
FIVE MISSIONARIES
BURIED IN JUNGLE

BUT
WERE
THOSE
LIVES
WASTED
?



I'M TURNING
MY LIFE OVER
TO THE LORD
COMPLETELY.!!!

I'LL TRY
TO TAKE
THE PLACE
OF ONE OF
THOSE
FIVE.!!!

A SHIPWRECKED NAVAL OFFICER---

I REMEMBER
JIM ELLIOT'S
WORDS IN THE
NEWSPAPER---

WHEN IT
COMES TIME
TO DIE, MAKE
SURE THAT **ALL**
YOU HAVE TO
DO IS DIE!!!

LORD, PLEASE
SPARE ME --- THAT I
CAN DO ALL THE THINGS
I'VE LEFT UNDONE !!!

LETTERS CAME FROM ALL
OVER THE WORLD ---

ONLY ETERNITY
WILL MEASURE
THE PRAYERS FOR
THE WIDOWS,
CHILDREN, AND
THE WORK OF
THE MARTYRS---

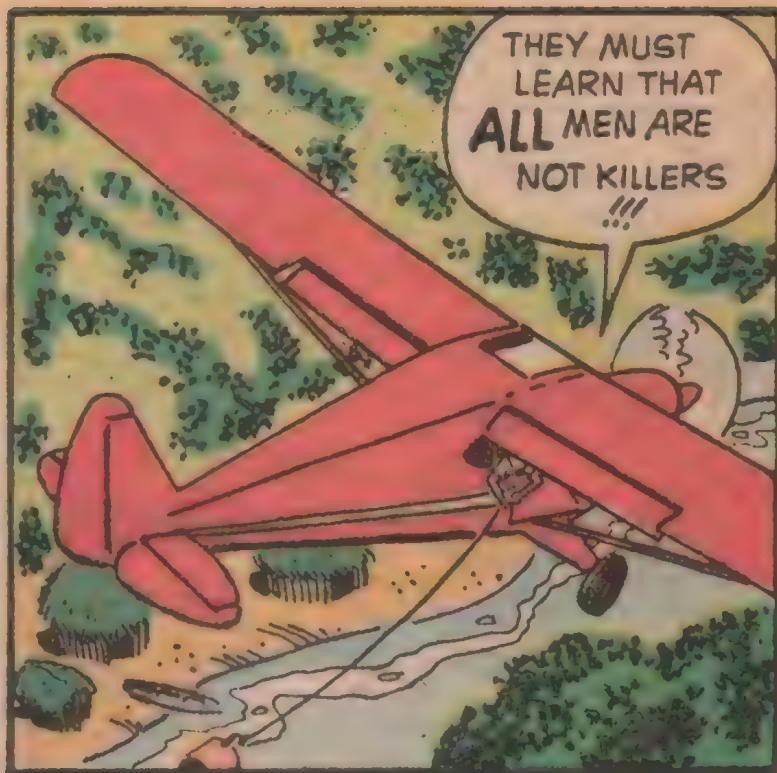
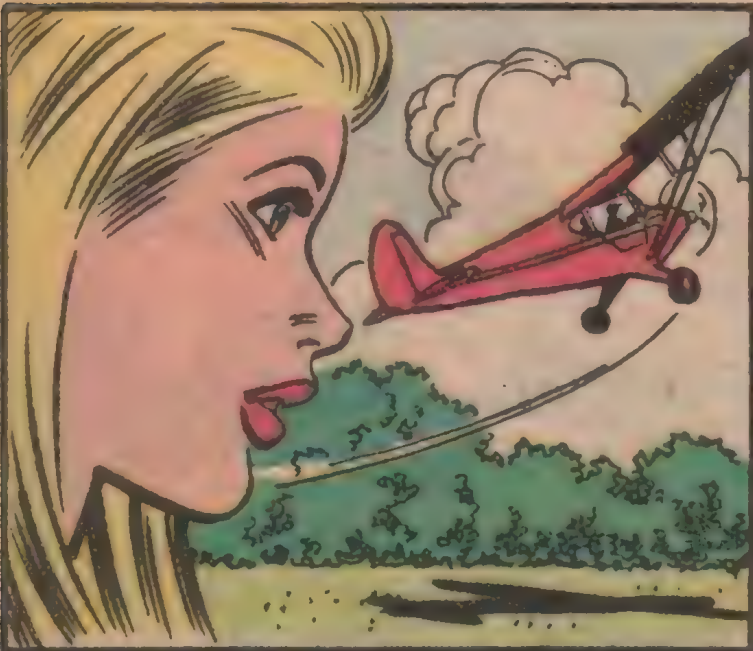
AND IN SHANDIA, CONVERTED
QUICHUA INDIANS PRAYED ALSO---

O GOD --- YOU KNOW HOW THE
AUCAS KILLED OUR BELOVED FRIENDS
WITH LANCES---

---BUT **YOU**
CAN STICK THEM
WITH YOUR
WORD---

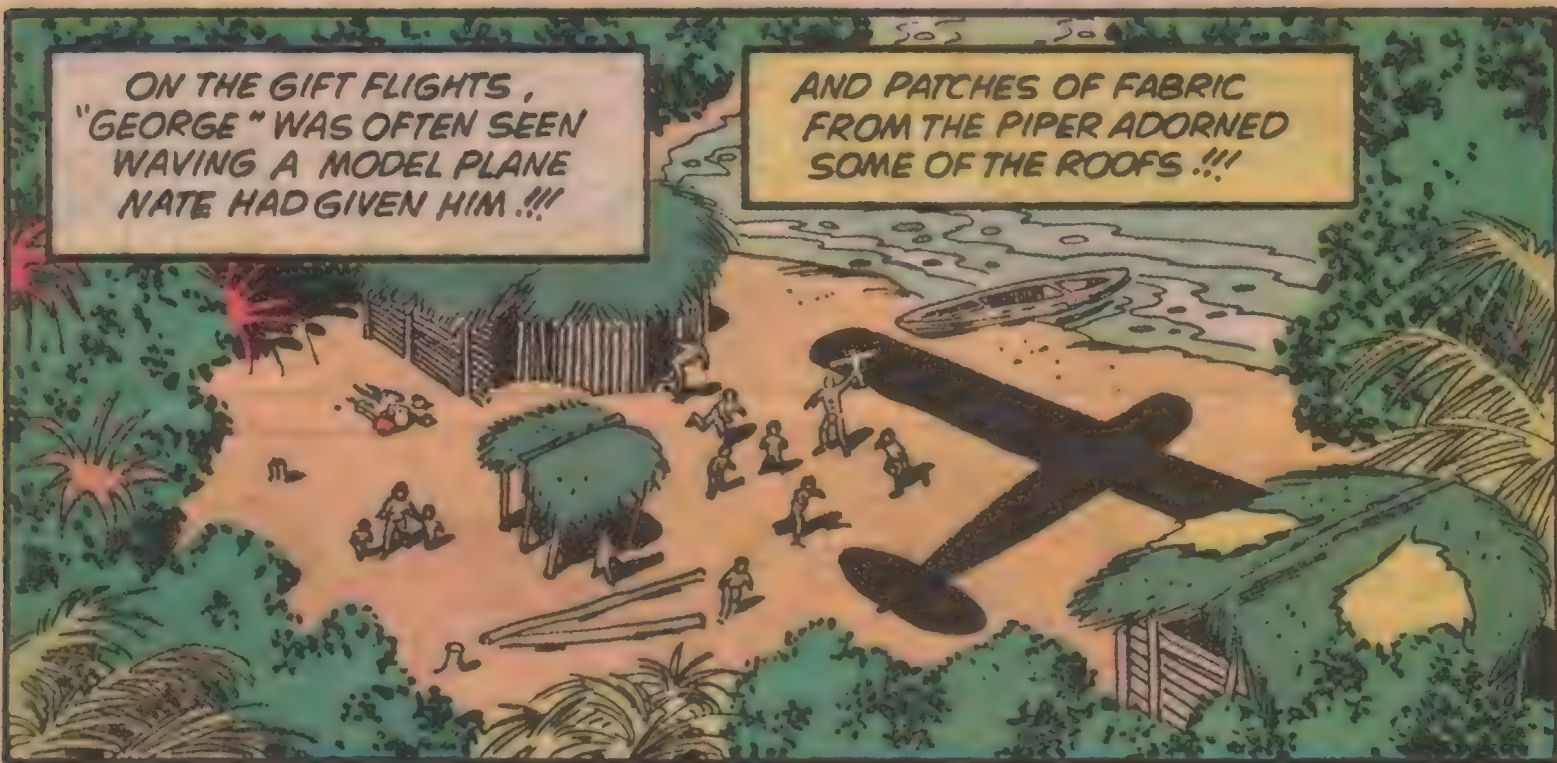
--- SO
THEY WILL
LISTEN
AND
BELIEVE
!!!

WE CONTINUED GIFT DROPS TO THE AUCAS ---



ON THE GIFT FLIGHTS ,
"GEORGE " WAS OFTEN SEEN
WAVING A MODEL PLANE
NATE HAD GIVEN HIM !!!

AND PATCHES OF FABRIC
FROM THE PIPER ADORNED
SOME OF THE ROOFS !!!

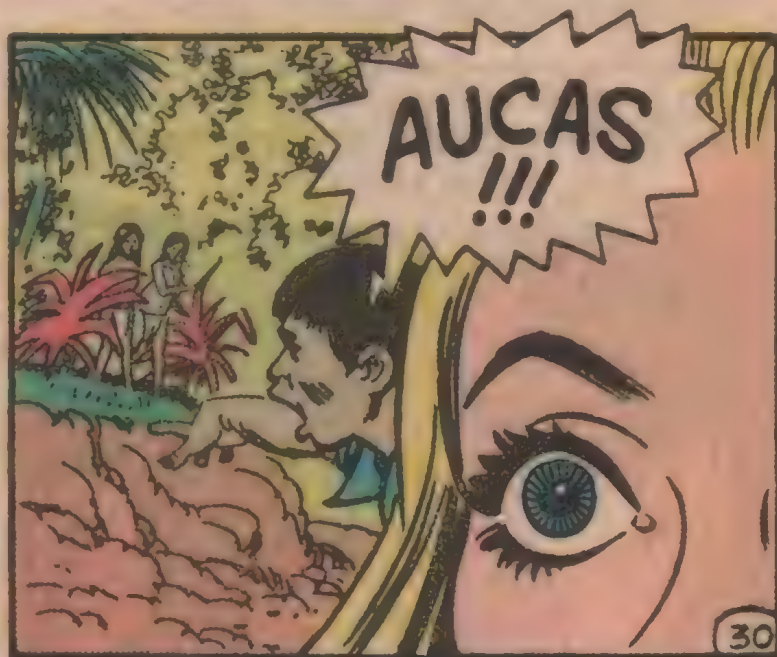


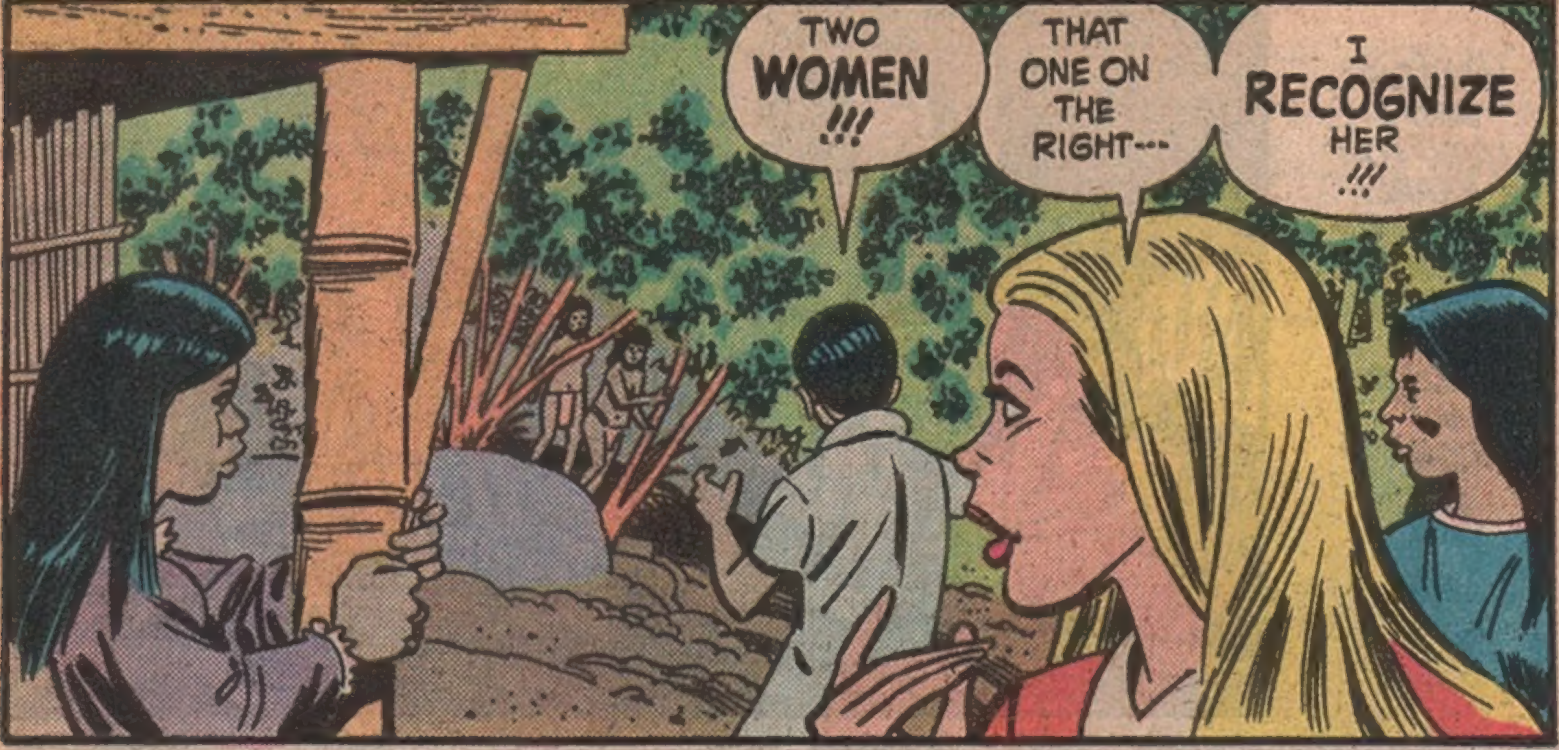
REVENGE
???

THE THOUGHT
NEVER CROSSED
OUR MINDS.!!!



AND THEN --- ONE DAY AT OUR
STATION ---

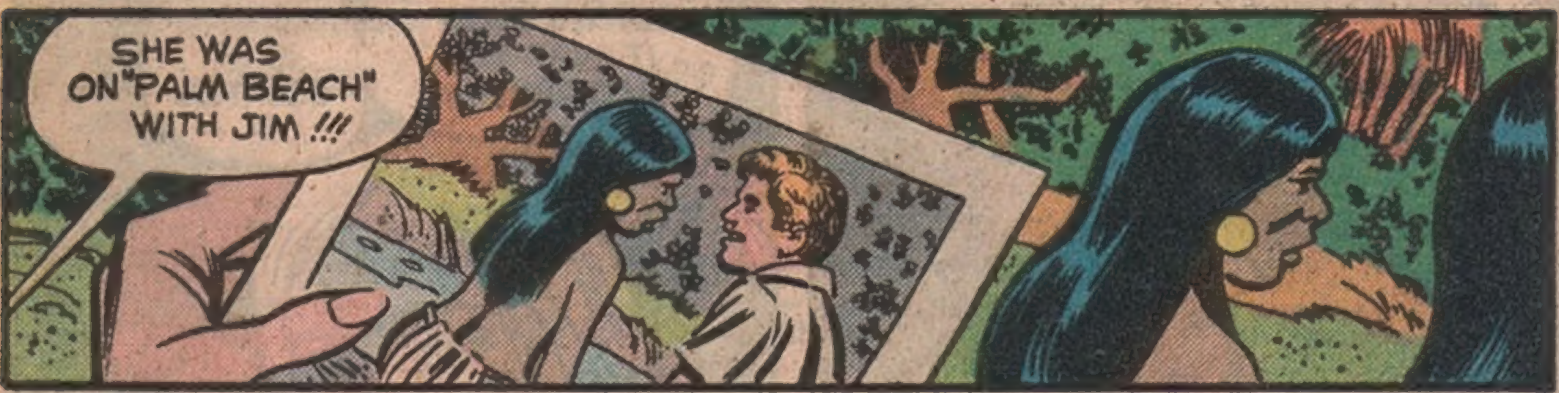




TWO
WOMEN
!!!

THAT
ONE ON
THE
RIGHT---

I
RECOGNIZE
HER
!!!



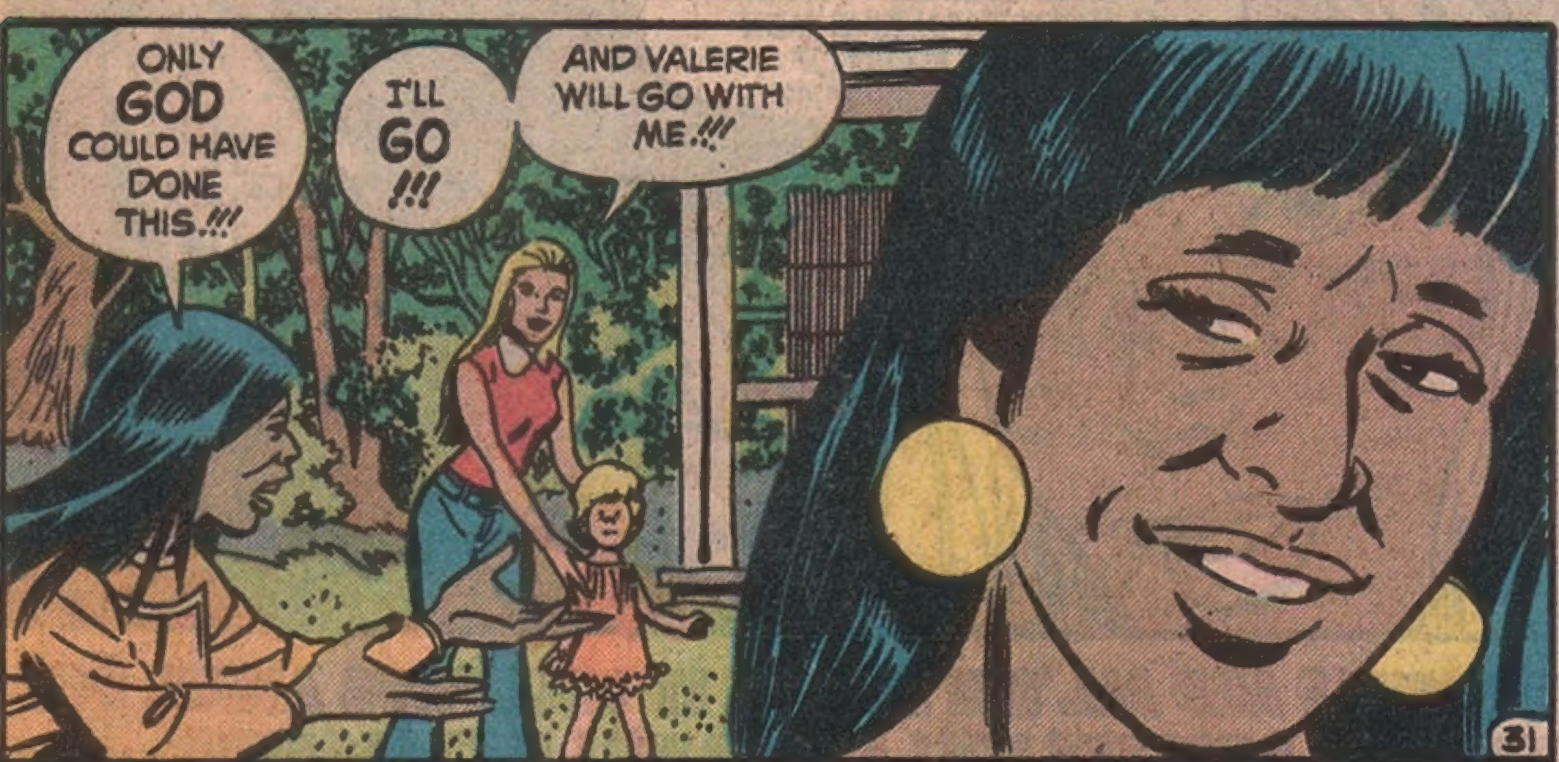
SHE WAS
ON "PALM BEACH"
WITH JIM !!!



HER
NAME'S
MINTAKA ---

SHE'S
INVITING
YOU TO
RETURN---

AND
LIVE
WITH
THEM.!!!

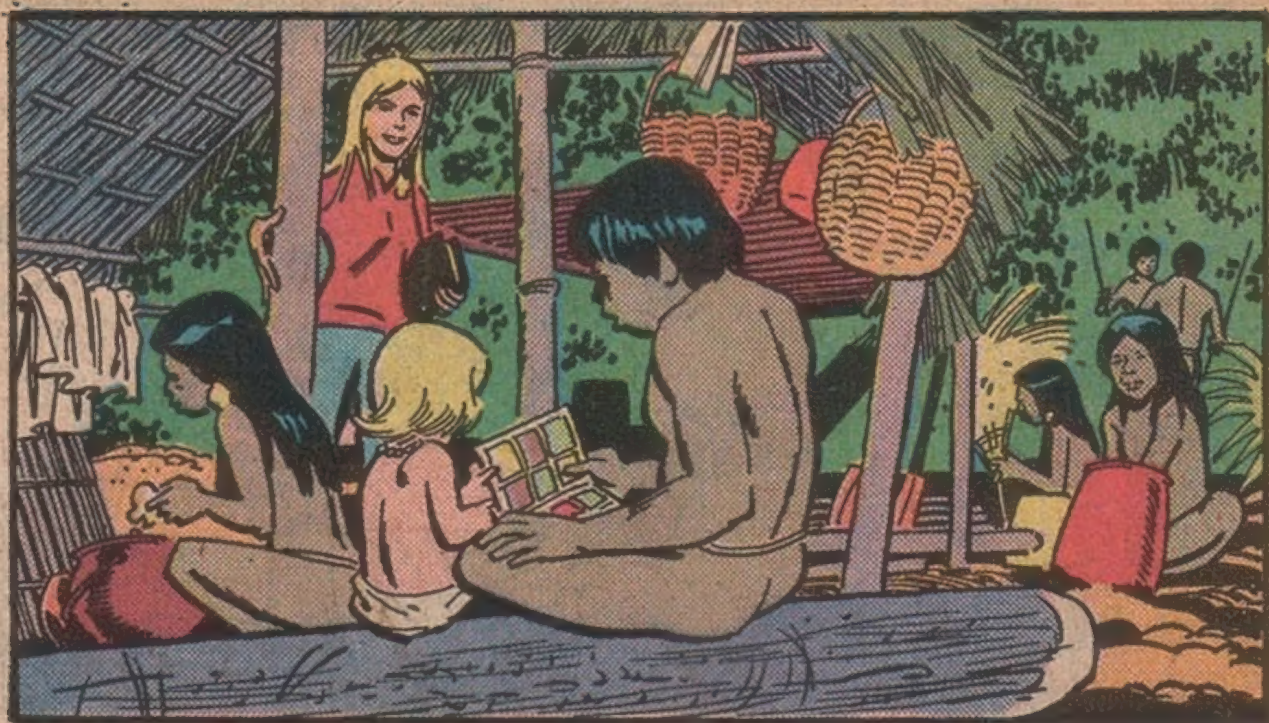


ONLY
GOD
COULD HAVE
DONE
THIS.!!!

I'LL
GO
!!!

AND VALERIE
WILL GO WITH
ME.!!!

VALERIE
AND I
LIVED FOR
NEARLY
A YEAR
WITH THE
PEOPLE
WHO
KILLED
MY
HUSBAND
!!!



THEY SAY THEY
KILLED OUT OF
FEAR---

THAT IT
WAS A
MISTAKE
!!!

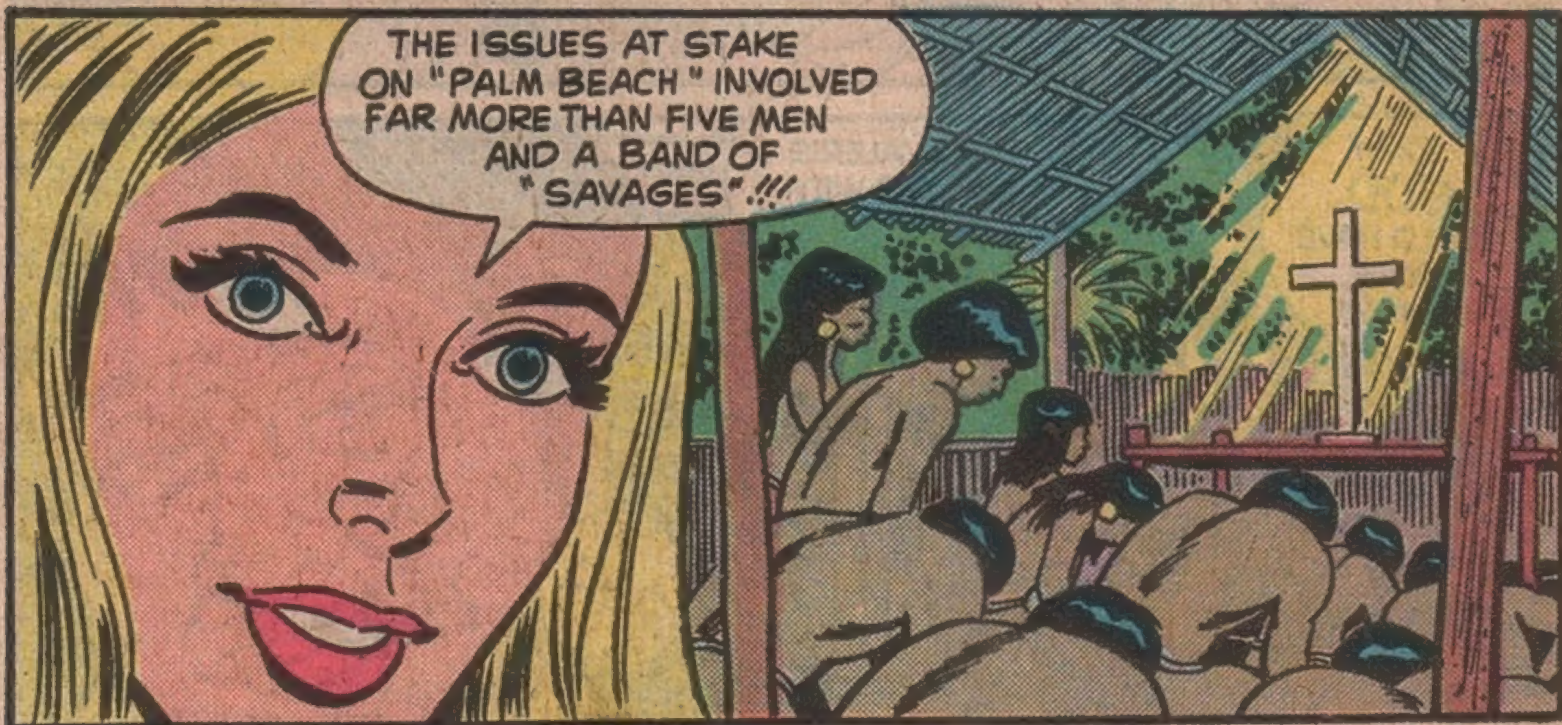


BUT WE KNOW
IT WAS NO
ACCIDENT---

GOD
IS IN
CONTROL
!!!



THE ISSUES AT STAKE
ON "PALM BEACH" INVOLVED
FAR MORE THAN FIVE MEN
AND A BAND OF
"SAVAGES".!!!



THE WORLD AND ALL THE EVIL IN IT WILL PASS AWAY, BUT
WHOEVER DOES THE WILL OF GOD WILL LIVE FOREVER

SEE
1 JOHN 2:17

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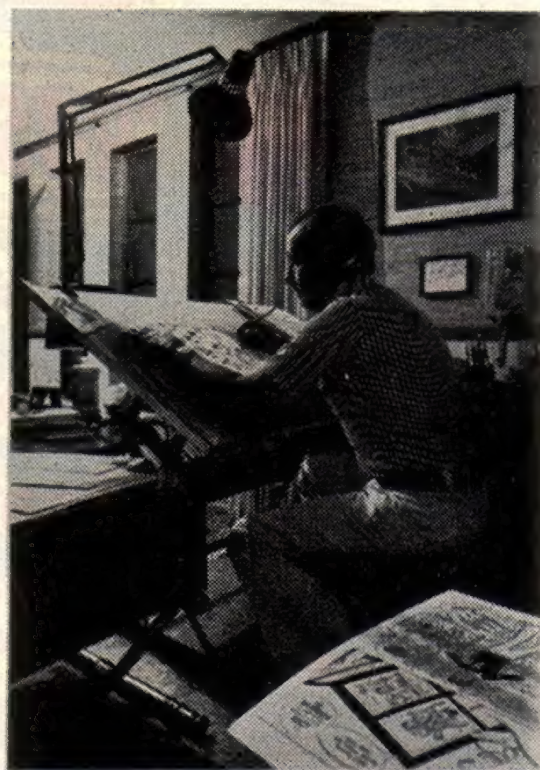
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